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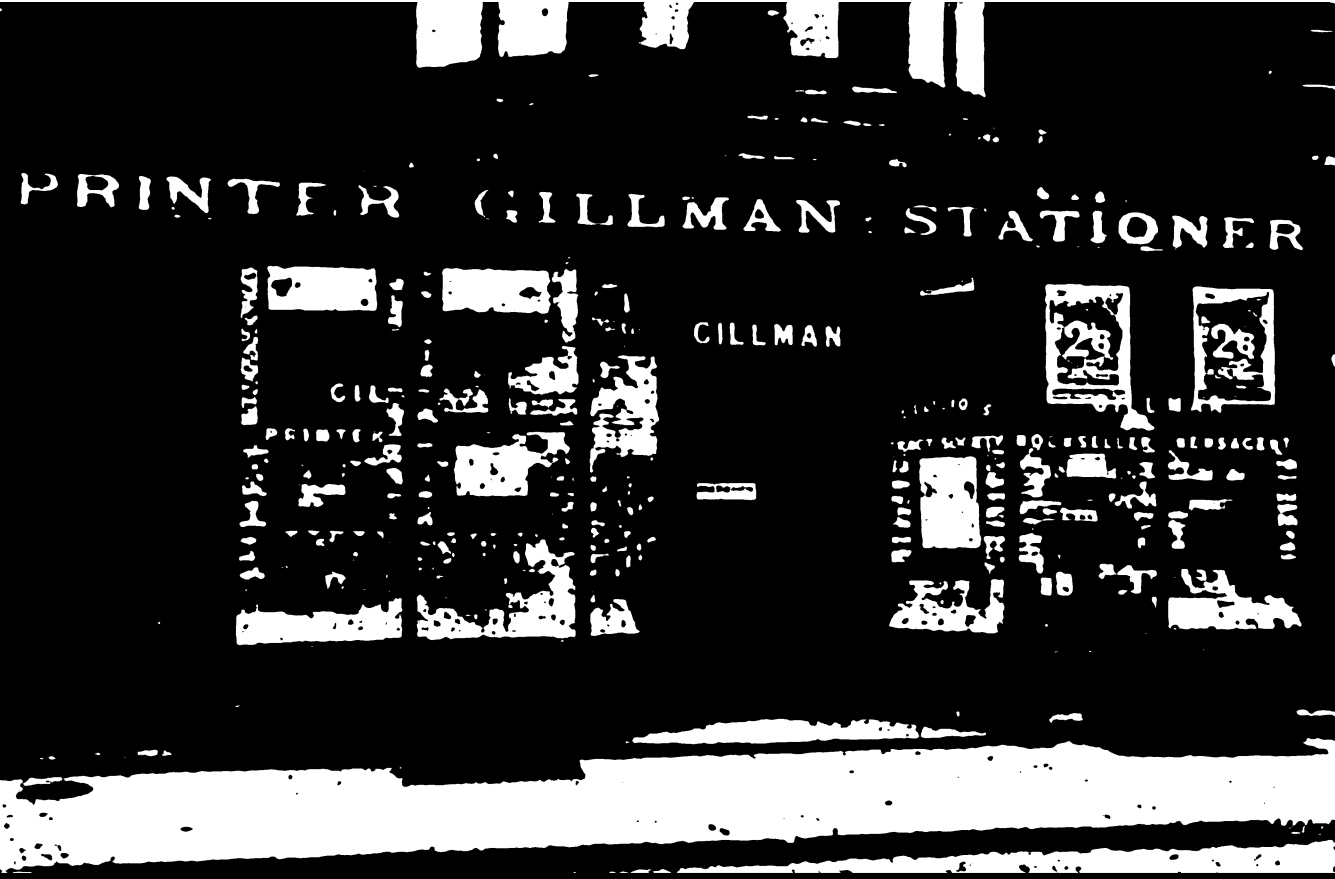

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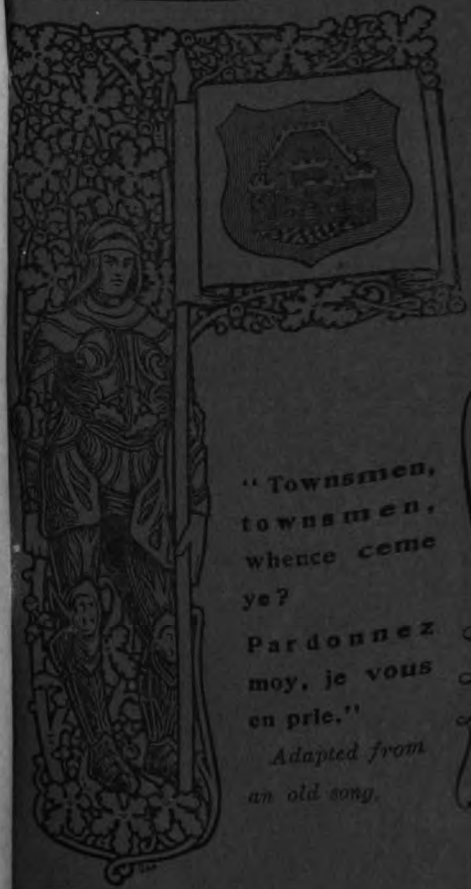

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"I have laboured to make a covenant with myself, that affection may not press upon judgment, for I suppose there is no man, that hath any apprehension of gentry or nobleness, but his affection stands to a continuance of a noble name and house, and would take hold of a twig or twine-thread to uphold it. And yet 'Time hath his revolution: there must be a period and an end of all temporal things *finis rerum*, an end of names and dignities and whatsoever is terrene. . . . . For where is Bohun? Where is Mowbray? Where is Mortimer? Nay, which is more and most of all, where is Plantagenet? They are entombed in the urns and sepulchres of mortality."—LORD CHIEF-JUSTICE CREWE.

"'Tis opportune to look back upon old times, and contemplate our forefathers. Great examples grow thin, and have to be fetched from the passéd world. Simplicity flies away, and iniquity comes at long strides upon us. We have enough to do to make up ourselves from present and passed times, and the whole stage of things scarce serveth for our instruction. A complete piece of virue must be made from the Centos of all ages, as all the beauties of Greece could make but one handsome Venus."—SIR THOMAS BROWNE.

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PREFACE.

In presenting this book, containing "The Annals of Devizes," I feel confident that such a work will be appreciated and valued not only by the inhabitants of the Borough of Devizes, but also by lovers of history throughout the County of Wiltshire.

The work will speak for itself, and no comment is necessary on that which is contained in its pages. Devizes has a great and a glorious past, though its early history has to be gathered from scant materials. How many of its inhabitants have an adequate conception as to what that past is composed of? Waylen's monumental History of Devizes, is only accessible to a few; therefore general interest should be enhanced in the present publication. I may mention that the "Annals," down to the year 1865, were compiled by Mr. Waylen. From 1865 to 1893, the work was continued by my late Father; and since that time it has been done on similar lines by myself. Mr. Edward Kite has kindly written an introduction. The work supplements existing Guides and Directories, and is not intended to supplant them. By its nature it is of a more enduring character, but that is a defect which will easily be pardoned. The Borough Charters and Records have been referred to where necessary. The book is as complete as it is possible to make a work published at what is intentionally a popular price.

R. D. GILLMAN.

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INTRODUCTION.

BY MR. EDWARD KITE.

The following pages will be found to contain—in a condensed form, easy of reference—a chronological abstract of the principal events connected with the history of Devizes, extending over a period of no less than eight centuries.

Although the real origin of the town distinctly dates from the period of the erection of its Norman Castle by Roger of Caen, Bishop of Salisbury [A.D. 1100—1139] various old writers have not hesitated in ascribing to it a much earlier date. Fabyan, for instance, quoting from an old chronicle, claims a certain British King, named Dunwallo, as its founder. Other writers, as Musgrave and Stukeley, would have both castle and town to be of Roman origin; whilst the annotator upon the life of King Alfred the Great has recorded a tradition ascribing the foundation of the Castle to that monarch.

So far, therefore, its traditional history, which may not perhaps be without some shadow of truth—for, if not distinctly existing as a town at this early period, the site, at least, on which Bishop Roger subsequently erected his stronghold of Norman masonry, may, from its commanding position and great natural strength' have been occupied as a defensive earthwork by the early occupants of the district—Celt, Roman, or Saxon.

As the central town of the county, with Salisbury Plain and the Marlborough Downs both close at hand, Devizes naturally lies in the midst of a district rich in remains of prehistoric interest. The far distant Palæolithic age is represented by the flint implements found at Knowle, in Marlborough Forest, whilst within comparatively easy reach are the remains of the two great stone monuments—Avebury and Stonehenge—for

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centuries of unknown date and origin, but so far as indicated by recent researches, both are apparently structures of the Neolithic period—the latter representing a date calculated at 1600 B.C. There is Silbury, too, the greatest artificial mound in Europe, whose purpose has hitherto baffled antiquarian research—with numerous camps and earthworks of different types—boundary dykes, including the great Wansdyke, which crosses the downs some three miles north of the town—trackways—sites of villages—and other traces, more or less distinct, of ancient British and Roman occupation. The numerous barrows, or sepulchral tumuli also, dotted over the green sward, mark the last resting places of its early inhabitants.

Of the Romans, if not actually *in* the town, there are distinct traces in its immediate suburbs. In 1699—an earthen vessel containing several hundred coins of this period, was found south of the town, on land belonging to Sir John Eyles, then owner of Southbroom House. This was followed by a further discovery of still greater interest. In 1714, a large urn, dug up by William Cadby, a gardener, near the ruins of an old house on the Green, disclosed a series of little bronze images, representing household deities, called by the Romans "*Penates*," and with them a single coin of the Emperor Severus, most probably indicating their date.

Again, in 1861, in constructing the railway from Devizes to Hungerford, the deep cutting at the point where the line crosses "Pan's Lane" brought to light part of a skeleton, together with considerable remains of Roman and Romano-British pottery. These, with minor discoveries from time to time, of coins and other relics, lead to the conclusion that if the town itself cannot lay claim to so early an origin, the Romans were, at least, close at hand at Southbroom aud Wick. One of their great roads, too, crossed the downs on its way from Bath to Marlborough.

The Saxon period brings us gradually onward to Devizes history. The kingdom of Wessex, in which Wiltshire was included, was originally under the care of one Bishop, whose see was fixed, as early as A.D. 635, at Dorchester, in Oxfordshire, and in 683 removed to Winchester, the ancient capital of England. With later sub-divisions, in 705 and 909, separate sees were constituted at Sherborne, in Dorsetshire, and at Ramsbury, in our own County. These the Saxon Bishop, Herman, one of Edward the Confessor's chaplains, again united in 1058, and in 1075 fixed his see within the then formidable stronghold of Old Sarum, from whence it was finally transferred in 1226 to the present city of Salisbury.

At some early period, of which we have no exact record, the kings of Wessex, who were large landowners in this neighbourhood, gave to the Bishop, for the perpetual maintenance of his See, the two great manors of Cannings and Potterne, which have continued until our own day to form part of its endowment.

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With the Norman Conquest comes the survey known as Domesday Book, but in this we find no mention by name of any such place as Devizes; and the site of the present town must consequently have been included at this date in one or other of the two manors—Cannings and Potterne—then belonging to the See of Old Sarum—both of which are found duly entered in the great Norman record.

With the accession of Henry I., came also the promotion of Roger of Caen, the King's Chancellor, to the Bishopric of this Diocese. Roger, a Norman by birth, and a skilful architect, finding on his own land a natural stronghold (previously no doubt a fortified earthwork) soon commenced the erection of a stately fortress of hewn stone—a structure of grand conception, and an advanced type of Norman architecture, previously unknown in England. Its site was on the boundary line between his own manors of Cannings and Potterne, and at a point where a third manor—that of Rowde, which belonged to the Crown—also met. The old Hundreds of Cannings Episcopi, and Roubergh Episcopi, likewise followed the same boundary, and Bishop Roger's Castle is described in the Latin chronicle of his contemporary, William of Malmesbury, as the Castle "ad Divisas"—*at the boundaries*—whence the name also of the town which quickly sprung up around it, and was commonly known as "*The Devizes*," or in Wiltshire pronunciation "*The Vize*" until the close of the 18th century.

Before the death of its founder, in 1139, Devizes Castle had been seized by King Stephen, and during the prolonged contest for the crown between his partisans, and those of the Empress Maud, was taken and retaken, until the tide of events turning in favour of the latter, she held two Councils here, granting also, in return for their service, a first Charter to her burgesses of Devizes.

In the hands of the Crown Devizes became one of the Royal Castles to which certain privileges and honours were annexed. State prisoners were placed here under its successive governors, who, from the strategic position of the fortress must necessarily have been men of high military rank. Its towers were defended by knights, who held neighbouring lands of the Crown by military service, each attending in person, fully armed, for 40 days, in time of war.

The state prisoners known to have been confined here were Duke Robert of Normandy, elder brother of King Henry I.; Hubert de Burgh, Justiciary of England, who escaping from the Castle, in 1233, took sanctuary in St. John's Church; David de Lindsay, the Scottish General, taken prisoner by Edward 1st; and the two sons of Charles de Blois (a nephew of the King of France) who were detained here as royal hostages by Edward III.

The castle, town, and park of Devizes, with the manor of Rowde, and the forests of Melksham and

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Chippenham, formed part of the dower of the Queens of England, who were successively patrons of the living —which is now in the gift of the Lord Chancellor.

In 1418-19 the Castle and its appendages were granted by Henry V. to his younger brother Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, who held it until his death in 1446.

During the reign of Henry VII.; on the termination of the wars of the Roses, the fortress was apparently dismantled, and when seen by the antiquary Leland, in 1540, was in ruins, part of its material having been carried away by Sir Edward Baynton (who was Vice-Chamberlain to three of Henry VIIIth's queens), and used in the erection of Old Bromham House. As an eye-witness of the Castle in its first stage of decay, Leland's notes are of considerable interest. He describes it as "stately avauncyd upon an highe ground, defendyd partly by nature, and partly with dykes, the yere [*earth*] whereof is cast up a slope, and that of a great height to defence of the waulle. The kepe or dungeon of it set upon an hille cast by hand, is a peace of worke of an incredible coste. There appere in the gate of it 6 or 7 places for porte colacis [*portcullises*] and muche goodly buyldying was in it. It is now in ruine, and parte of the front of the towres of the gate of the kepe and the chapell in it were caried full unprofitably onto the buyldynge of Master *Bainton's* place at *Bromeham*, scant 3 myles of. There remayne dyvers goodly towres yet in the outter walle of the castle, but all goynge to ruine. The principall gate that ledithe in to the toune is yet of a great strengthe, and hathe places for 7 or 8 porte colicis [*portcullises*]."

It is clear therefore, from Leland's description, that the keep or stronghold—a massive structure apparently of square form, as at Rochester—stood on the central mound, which has sometimes been made a subject of unnecessary discussion. During the Civil Wars the portions still remaining appear to have been temporarily re-fortified for the king, in 1643, but the whole was finally demolished by the Parliamentarians; into whose hands it fell some three years later.

In the view given by Dr. Stukeley, dated 1723, two windmills occupy the site of the Norman keep. These are described as a recent project for grinding rape seed. One of them, afterwards used for making snuff, is now incorporated in the castellated residence erected by the late Mr. R. V. Leach, who, during his ownership, made extensive researches on the ancient Norman site.

The town which sprung up on the more level ground outside the defensive earthworks to the east of the castle, must quickly have increased in importance. The charter of the Empress Maud, granted not later than 3rd March 1141, was soon followed by a confirmation by her son Henry II., by King John, and Henry III., the latter being the earliest charter now in possesion of the corporation. To these Edward III., in 1371, added

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additional privileges, included a trading guild—the "blanket" of coarse undyed cloth of Devizes manufacture having now become a marketable commodity. Then follow the later charters of Richard II., Henry IV., Henry V., Henry VI., Edward IV., Henry VIII., Edward VI., Elizabeth and James I., the latter confirming all former charters, and granting additional privileges by the Name of "Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of the Devises"—which altered title necessitated the adoption of a new Borough Seal in 1608. A few years later the trading guild was also remodelled. The charter of James I., confirmed by Charles I. in 1639, continued to be the governing charters of the Borough until the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1832. There is also a later charter of James II., which was probably abandoned on his abdication in 1688. To the wool merchants and clothiers of Devizes the churches of St. John and St. Mary—both originally of Norman date—apparently owe their additions and reconstruction in the 15th century.

Of the town, Leland, in 1540, says it was "most occupied by clothiers. The beauty of it is all in one streete. The market is very celebrate." It had been so, apparently, from the days of Edward I., for before the year 1274 the Crown had received yearly for market tolls no less than £16—a large sum in the money of the present day. The market continued to flourish, for Fuller, in his *Worthies of England* (1668) describes the town as "the best and biggest for trading in the shire." Aubrey (1656-91) says "On Thursday a very plentiful market of everything, but the best for fish in the county. They bring fish from Poole hither, which is sent hence to Oxford." Stukeley (1723) says the inhabitants "value themselves for one of the best weekly markets in Fngland, and for being tenants to the king. 'Tis a very large old town consisting chiefly of two long parallel streets, the houses for the most part of timber, but of a very good model." Of the old timber and gabled street architecture, with here and there a penthouse for shelter in front, as at Marlborough, little now remains. The *Elm Tree*, formerly the *Salutation Inn*, is apparently the remains of an old Devizes hostelry of a date earlier than the Reformation, and the old timber houses in Wine Street Alley still furnish a specimen of the domestic architecture of the town as it appeared in the 15th or 16th century.

Of the old market crosses which have disappeared, were the "Butter Cross," the "Cheese Cross," the "Yarn Cross," and most probably others—each representing the particular spot in the open street where each of these separate commodities was anciently exposed for sale.

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THE ANNALS OF DEVIZES.

XIIth Century.

1102. Roger, Lord Chancellor of England, Chief Justiciary, Bishop of Salisbury, Lord of the Manor, &c., commenced the re-building of the Castle, and the erection of St. John's Church.

1107. Duke Robert of Normandy committed to the custody of the Lord of Devizes.

1126. Duke Robert transferred to the custody of the Earl of Gloucester.

1130. Consecration of St. John's Church.

1135. Death of King Henry II. Bishop Roger and other prelates and nobles opposed the pretensions of Stephen, who took the Castle and made it and the demesne, royal property.

1140. Robert Fitz-Herbert, a brigand, forcibly usurped possession of the Castle.

1141. Hervey, Count of Brittany, recovers the Castle; afterwards occupied by the Empress Matilda, who held two Parliaments at Devizes.

1143. (cir.) Matilda confers a charter on the town.—St. Mary's Church dates its foundation at about this year.

1148. Matilda resigns Cannings and Potterne to her son Henry Plantagenet.

1149. Prince Henry sojourns at Devizes.

1153. Articles of peace between Stephen and Henry settled at Devizes.

1157. The Castle, Borough, and Parks, formally detached from the Manor of B. Cannings and vested in the crown.

1199. Thomas de Sandford, Constable.

XIIIth Century.

1216. John Mareschall, constable.

1218. Philip de Albini, Earl of Sussex and Arundel, constable.

1221. William de Brewer, constable.

1224. John Mareschall, Earl of Warwick, constable.

1231. Ralph Lord Willington of Devonshire, constable.

1232. Walter de Godardville (or Goddard) constable. It was during his constableship that Hubert de Burgh Earl of Kent, was committed as state prisoner to the Castle, at the instigation of his envious rival

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De Rupibus, a Frenchman, whom the king had "in an evil hour taken into his councils," and made Bishop of Winchester. Having caged the ex-Justiciary, the Bishop's next step was to get Goddard removed and his own nephew, one Aylmere de Rival, appointed in his place. The Earl, more than suspecting a murderous design in the change, contrived his escape to sanctuary in St. John's Church, whence, by Rival's orders, a body of castillans dragged him; but he was restored thereto by order of Bishop Bingham, of Salisbury, and carried off in triumph by a body of sturdy Wiltshire sympathisers, headed by the gallant Gilbert Bassett, to Wales. The plotting prelate De Rupibus, whose real character was afterwards unmasked, was happily deprived of his ill-gotten see and wealth, and driven from the kingdom.

1233. Peter de Manlay, of Upavon, constable, son of the reputed assassin of Prince Arthur.

1235. John de Plessites, Earl of Warwick, constable.

1236. Robert, Lord Neville, of Raby, constable.

1263. Philip, Lord Bassett, of Wycombe, Chief Justiciary and Commander of the King's Armies, constable

1271. Alias de Rabeyn, constable.

1280. John de Haverings, constable. During his constableship a "vivarium," or fish-pond (supposed to be Drew's pond), was made by the precept of Edward I, who was wont to spend his Easters here. His mother Queen Eleanor was then superioress of Amesbury convent.

1282. Ralph de Sandwich, constable.

1284. John de Evesham, constable.

1286. Matthew Fitz-John, constable.

XIVth Century.

1305. John Blewitt, constable.

1307. Hugh de Despencer, of Fasterne-house, Wootten Basset, Edward II's unfortunate favourite. During his constableship was the first (recorded) presentation to the living of Devizes, which was made by Margaret the queen dowager to John de Aune, who res. it in 1312 to Thomas de Yeouugeflete.—In 1307 Thomas le Bodere and Thomas Anveray, and in 1314 William Noble and Gilbert Smith, William de Codis and Hugh de Cartere were sent to Parliament for the borough.

1320. Sir Oliver de Ingham.—In 1323 Walter Bochard and Hugh Estmead, and in 1325 Thos. Munham and John Mymyng were elected to Parliament.

1327. Gilbert de Berwick.

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1348 (cir.) Bishop William de Edington.—In 1349 Step West ins. rector; died 1361, when John le Boleter suc.

1366. Phillippa, Queen of Edward III.

1369. Roger Beauchamp.

1379. Nicholas de Sharneffeld.

1390.—Anne, Queen of Richard II.—In 1391, on the death of Boleter, she pres. William Stoke to the rectorship, who dying or resigning the following year, she gave it to Thomas Kynewyk.

1392.—William Scrope, Earl of Wiltshire.—In 1398 John Wythen was ins. rector, res. in 1400 in favour of Andrew Swyneford, who exchanged, 1402, with Henry Netheravon, vicar of Bedminster.

XVth Century.

1412. Joan, Queen of Henry IV.—Same year she presented the living to Thomas de Tebay (or Tibbay), who was suc. in 1414 by Robert de Tebay.—During this constableship Wm. and Thos. Coventry were members for the borough.

1419. Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, ("good Duke Humphrey"), Protector of the Realm during the minority of his nephew, Henry VI.—In 1420 he presented the living to John Almote, who in 1426 exc. with William Goldsmith, rector of Eastworth; who in 1429 exc. with Gilbert Crede, rector of Smerdon; who dying in 1453, the Duke of Gloucester presented John Wygrim, who in 1458 was inst. Dean of Windsor, retaining Devizes.—It was in the last year of Duke Humphrey's constableship that Bishop Ayscough of Edington Abbey, was brutally massacred by his tenants for his attachment to the Lancastrian cause,—In 1436 died William Smyth, burgess, a munificent benefactor (the traditional ancestor of Mr. Thos. B. Smith), at whose sole cost a great part of St. Mary's Church was re-built.—1443, William, second son of John Nicholas, Esq., of Roundway, was killed in the wars of the Roses.

1447. Sir Edmund Hungerford, Knight.

1461. Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Salisbury. He founded the chapel occupying the s.w. corner of St. John's Church, and its contemporary, the Beauchamp Chapel attached to St. Nicholas Church, Bromham.

1467. Elizabeth, Queen of Edward IV. She was daughter of Earl Rivers, and sister to Bishop Woodville, of Salisbury. During her governorship the Duke of Buckingham was beheaded at Salisbury, by order of Richard III. Sir Rich Tocotet and ten other leading Wiltshire gentlemen

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were implicated in Buckingham's enterprise, but after Bosworth Field received a ready pardon.—The Queen Elizabeth pres. Henry Boost, A.M., to the living on the death of Dean Wigrim, in 1468; John Smyth in 1474; John Alcock (Bishop of Rochester, afterwards of Worcester) in 1475; John Giles, as proctor for John "Bishop of Tyne," in 1479; and Henry Boost, B.D.. in 1480, which is the assumed date of the small (nameless) chapel N.E. of St. John's Church.

1468. William Nicholas, of Roundway, killed "without the gatehouse of Roundway"—an event probably coincident with the revolt of Sir Thomas Hungerford and Henry Courtney against Edward IV. Allied to this family are some eminent names, amongst them Secretary Nicholas and Judge Nicholas, both of the civil war period in Charles I's reign, and William Nicholas, who fell at Badajoz,

1483. Sir Roger Tocotes being deposed from the lordship of Devizes Castle for his adherence to the Lancastrian party, Thomas Stafford was appointed in his room by the usurper Richard III., with very enlarged powers over the surrounding district—soon, however, to re-deliver ito to his rival Tocotes.

1485. Sir Roger Tocotes, of Bromhom, Knt. He was three times sheriff of Wilts; marr. Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Beauchamp Lord St. Amand, of Bromham. His tomb and recumbent marble effigy. in good preservation, occupy a central position in the Beauchamp chapel of that place. Sir Roger was a zealousLancastrian, and with Richard Beauchamp, Lord St. Amand, Wm. Bampton, John and Humphrey Cheyne of Falstone, Thos. and John Milborne of Laverstock, Walter Hungerford, of Heytesbury, Wm. Hall and Michael Skilling, of Salisbury, and Edw. Hampton, of Fisherton, joined the ill-fated rising of the Duke of Buchingham.

1472. Robert Neville and John Uffenham, and in 1477 Ralph Banaster and John Mitchell were elec. members of Parliament.

1486. Elizabeth, Queen of Henry VII.—During this constableship Edm. Chollerton was ins. rector, vice Henry Boost, res.—William Prior, a native of the town, was burnt at Salisbury for professing and promulgating Lollardy.

XVIth Century.

1510. Katherine of Arragon, Queen of Henry VIII, who divorced her and married Anne Boleyn —In 1523 John Bent, a tailor of Erchfont, was burnt to death in the Market-place, for denying transubstantiation.—In 1526 Edm. Collerton died, and John Crapford B.D., was ins. rector.—In 1535 Henry and his Queen Anne visited Devizes and Bromham.—In 1536 the Rev. John Crapford res., and William Dawson was ins. rector; he retired on a pension, and his place was supplied till his death by Robert Peade.

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1533. William Locke undertook to pull down the Bull of Excommunication by which King Henry VIII. and the kingdom of England were laid under by a ban, by Pope Clement VII, for which daring exploit King Henry granted him a freehold estate of £100 a year, knighted him, and made him Gentleman of the Privy Chamber.

1536. Thomas Lord Seymour of Sudeley, Lord High Admiral, &c., "The Last of the Barons," was brother to Jane Seymour of Wolf hall, Pewsey, Henry VIII's third wife. He marr. Henry's widow Katherine Parr; was attainted of high treason, and executed 1549.

After Edward VI's death Devizes Castle ceased to be a royal residence, and fell into comparative decay. As, however, its military and royal importance subsided, its trade and manufacturing prosperity uprose. "The Town of Vies (wrote Leland in 1545) standeth on a ground somewhat elevated, and is mostly occupied by clothiers. The market is very celebrate." These substantial burgess-clothiers, naturally enough, having taken a lease of the manor and borough, Castle and all, from Queen Elizabeth, petitioned James I. for its renewal, without reversion to any other party, which that King granted in 1605; from which date therefore the worshipful Mayors may be considered as *de jure*, if not *de facto*, taking the place of the ancient Constables. Compared, however, to the old "Lords of Devizes," who actually "represented" majesty, and were at "the Boundaries" as supreme as a territorial prince, maintaining in their palace-fortress and whenever they went abroad, the court and state of a minor sovereign—compared, we say, to our earlier governors, the chief municipal burgess who is now annually chosen to the elective office of Mayor, is a personage of but very secondary importance. The very names of the first sixteen following the Protector Seymour's death, are lost to posterity.

1552.—Thomas Hall, Esq., was elected member for the borough in Edw. VI's Parliament. The Halls were long parishioners of St. Mary's; in the churchyard is one or more of their tombstones.

1553. (Mary I.)—Thomas Hall and William Rede, returned to Parliament.

1554. Thos. Highgate & Henry Locke, ditto.

1554. Thos. Hall (mayor) and Edward Haynes, ditto.

1555. Thomas Hall and James Webb, ditto.

1557. Thomas Hall and Henry Morris returned.—Oliver Boswick, the last Catholic incumbent, was presented to the living by Mary, on the death of the Rev. W. Dawson.—John Maundrell, son of Robert Maundrell, of Rowde, was burnt at Salisbury for Protestantism.

1559. (Elizabeth.)—John Young and Edward Haynes returned members.

1563. Edward Haynes and Hugh Powell, ditto.

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1566. The Rev. O. Boswick res. the rectorship, which was pres. by the Queen to John Beare.

1570. Rev. J. Beare deprived of the rectorship, and Patrick Blare ins.; suc. (*anno incerto*) by Nicholas Stranguidge.

1571 Edward Baynton of Bromham-house, and Wm. Clark, of Devizes, elec. members.

1572 Geo. Reynolds and Henry Grubbe, burgesses, ditto.

1578. A suit in Chancery was maintained by the Corporation of Devizes against their member, Henry Grubbe; the object of which was a bill to stay proceedings at law respecting a claim made by defendant of wages for his services in Parliament, notwithstanding his promise to the contrary.

1585. Henry Baynton, ditto.

1586. Henry Brouncker, ditto.

1588. Henry Lever and John Brouncker, ditto.

1592. Henry Baynton and Richard Mompesson, ditto.

1597. John Kent, of Potterne, and Richard Drew, of Southbroom, ditto.

XVII Century.

1601. Rob. Drew and Geo. Fettiplace, ditto.

1602. Rev. N. Stranguidge resigned the living; John Davis succeeded on the presentation of the Queen.

During Elizabeth's 45 years' reign, the borough annals present nothing worth chronicling beyond the foregoing ecclesiastical and parliamentary returns; "though (to quote the local historian) domestic discipline acquired considerable consistency and power; the Chamberlain's books are kept with great regularity, and will merit more elaborate notice than we have space for." The current of such "domestic" events was only disturbed by sundry lawsuits with the Crown and private individuals, relating to tithes and tenure of real estate property, in which the names of Grubbe, Reynolds, Provender of Allington, Gaisford, Flower, and Hulbert, whose descendants on the male or female side are still resident, prominently figure.

1603 (James I). Robert Drew and Sir Henry Baynton elected members.

1605 (Third). Charter granted by James.—Weekly Court for actions of debt not exceeding £40 established.

1607. Plague visits the town, resulting in great mortality,—Sir Thomas Estcourt knighted.

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1613. James I. visits the town. An *al fresco* musical entertainment, in character, given by the Rev. G. Ferraby, vicar of B. Cannings, and some of his parishioners, to Anne, James's Queen, at Wansdyke, Marlborough Downs, on her return journey from Bath; the vicar habited as a British bard, and his assistants as shepherds.

1614. Sir Mervin Audley and Sir Carew Reynell, knights, sent to Parliament.

1615. A new Wool Hall erected, partly for the accommodation of the County Sessions, which previously had been held under temporary hustings, or tents.

1618. A second visit from King James, when he was entertained by a "mask" in Coate Field.

1620. This is the date inscribed on the Mayor's loving cup, together with the following names:—Robert Flower, Mayor; John Kent, Robert Drew, Walter Stephens, Nicholas Barrett, Edward Northey, John Allen, Edward Lewis, John Stevens, John Thurman, William Erwood, Richard Flower, Thomas Wheatacre. It is a tall, elegant silver gilt chalice resembling in form that given by King John to the town of Lynn. The two maces were a subsequent acquisition, being the gift, as their legend testifies," of John Smith, citizen of London, brazier to King William III of blessed memory, who delivered this nation from Popery and arbitary government, to her present Majesty Queen Anne, whom God long preserve. 1709."

1620. Sir Henry Lee and John Kent, returned as members.

1623. John Kent and Sir Edw. Baynton, ditto.—A third royal visit this year.

1624. The erratic and mischievous exploits of the "Devizes Wizard" attracted public attention.

1625 (Charles I). The King grants a new borough charter; Robert Nicholas, of Southbroom, Esq., nominated first Recorder.—Edward Baynton and Robert Drew elected to Parliament.

1626. Sir Henry Lee and Rob. Long ditto.

1628. Robert Long and Thos. Kent ditto.—Robert Drew and John Kent obtained from the Crown a grant of the advowson of the Rectory of Devizes, worth £40 a year, on their undertaking to add another £40 for the maintenance of a sufficient preacher. This document dated 29th June, has Charles I's sign manual. Thence forward for several years it became the practice of the Corporation to hire occasional preachers in place of paying a full salary to the resident clergyman.

1633. Joseph Alleine born in the house now occupied by Mr. E. T. Simpson, in the Market-Place. He was the son of Mr. Tobias Alleine. At 16 he was entered at Lincoln's Inn, Oxford; removed to Corpus Christi; in his 21st year (1655) took orders and became curate at St. Margaret's, Taunton; was ejected by the Act of Uniformity in 1662; imprisoned for preaching in 1663, and again in 1664; in 1665-6 came to Devizes for his health; died at Bath Nov. 1668, aged 35.

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1640. Wm. Baynton and Edward Danvers ret. to Par —Same year, Edward Baynton and Robert Nicholas ret. to the "Long Parliament."

1641. John Pearce made some liberal gifts to the Church, the Rector, poor, &c.

1643. July 10, 11, 12. Seige of Devizes by Sir Wm. Waller.—July 13th. Battle of Roundway, and defeat of Waller by the royal forces under the Marquis of Hertford, aided by "Stout Wilmot, Byron and Crawford."

1644. Charles committed the military governorship of both Castle and Borough to Sir Charles Lloyd, who fortified and garrisoned the former, gallantly maintaining it against the Parliamentary excursionists, by whom it was repeatedly assailed, until the 23rd of September. 1645."

1644 Violent outbreak of the plague.—On 9th November, same year, the Rev. John Prestwick, A.M., was presented to the living on Mr. Davis's death. He was shortly after succeeded by Robert Byng, D.D., who, however, soon lost the living through his loyal partizanship, though he returned to the town to end his days, and died here Feb. 8, 1658. His memorial tablet is in the N.E corner of St. John's Church.—This year old Southbroom House, the residence of Mr. Drew, was pulled down, and Bromham-house, Sir Edward Baynton's residence, burnt by the Vandal orders of Sir Charles Lloyd. Sir Edward thereupon removed to Spye Park, where he commenced building a new dwelling-house.

1645. Lieut.-General Cromwell, with a numerous force, and some heavy artillery, entered the town and laid siege to the Castle, when the garrison capitulated on honorable terms, and Capt. Eyre was appointed its Governor.—In May, 1644, the plague broke out with added violence.—In March, 1645, the County Troop of Royal Horse, having escorted Prince Charles from Oxford to Bristol, and returned to their quarters at Devizes, were surrounded by a superior force under Waller and Cromwell. With the exception of some half-dozen privates, all were captured in the neighbourhood of the town, with their Colonel, Sir James Long, Sheriff of Wilts.

1646. A Parliamentary order passed the Commons, May 4, for the total dismantlement of the Castle.—On Sunday, Sept. 6, occurred a memorable disturbance in St. John's Church, familiar to the readers of *Kenilworth*, following the appointment of the Rev. John Shepherd, a Presbyterian minister, to the rectorship, who was "commanded by one Capt. Pretty to come forth of the pulpit, saying in threatening tones, that he was unfit to preach. This Captain was assisted by Mr. Ives and Mr. Lambe, who are, as they say, preachers, and by divers soldiers, armed in a most irreverent manner, to the abominable disturbance of the whole congregation," &c. (Letter of a parishioner to London).

1648. The Rev. Dr. Byng was expelled the living, and John Shepherd (Presbyterian) by a vote of the

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Lords, formally installed in his place.—The Chamberlains' accounts of this year include repairs of the cucking stool for scolds; also mending the gallows.

1649. The first congregation of Baptists assembled in a room in the Brittox.

1652. Death of the Rev. John Shepherd; the mayor and corporation present. Henry Johnson, A.M., to the living.

1654. Sir E. Baynton ret. to Par.--Of the 96 burgesses constituting the corporation this year, only 8 are now represented in the town or neighbourhood—viz., Clark, Lewis, Sloper, Strong, White, Bennett, Mereweather, and Scott.—Robt. Aldworth appointed Recorder.

1656. Edward Sutton elected member as Baynton's colleague.

1658. The mayor and magistrates vote a dutiful address of congratulation to Richard Cromwell on his accession to the Protectorate.—During the Protectorate the following tradesmen issued coins called "tokens":—Fran. Goulding, grocer, Edward Hope, John Frey, John Hammond, Richard Wootton, grocer, Francis Paradise, chandler, Grace Nash, Richard Slade, John Fry, Stephen Bailey, mercer, Wm. Somner, grocer; John Slade, grocer; Wm. Stephens, Richard Watton, grocer.—Edward Scotten and Challoner Chute chosen members to Parliament.

1660. Charles II. proclaimed in Devizes by Isaac Burgess, Sheriff.—William Jervis and Robert Aldworth returned members.—At this time the chalybeate waters of Poulshot attained their medicinal celebrity; Mr. Joseph Sumner's well was worth to him (says Aubrey) £200 a year.

1661. The Rev. Benjamin Flower, an ejected minister, assumes the charge of the Baptist congregation, and the Rev. John Frawlings, of Heddington, commenced his ministrations to the Presbyterian congregation.—In June of this year, Robert West, Robert Sumner, Alexander Cutting, and Mary Coole, of Devizes, and many others in the neighbourhood, were committed to prison for attending Quaker meetings.—Wm. Yorke and John Kent returned members.—Died, Dr. P. Stephens.—In this year the King wrote to the Mayor of Devizes, commanding him to eject John Tayler from the office of Town Clerk, and to substitute Robert Foote. Tayler's offence had been his co-operation with the party of the commonwealth. At the same time Robert Nicholas, of Roundway, Recorder of Devizes, who actually sat as one of Cromwell's judges, received a pardon and retired to Seend.—The Corporation having, in this year, applied for an Act of Parliament authorising them to endow their minister, Henry Johnson, with a fixed annuity of £100 out of the borough funds, about ninety of the principal inhabitants set up a counter petition to the House of Commons, in which they maintained that their minister's stipend had from time immemorial been raised by voluntary offerings, and they hoped

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it would always remain on the same footing. In consequence of the success of this counter petition, Mr. Johnson sought to recover the Park-tithes, and in this also he was unsuccessful.

1663. Charles II. and his Queen visit Wilts, and ascend Silbury Hill with Mr. Aubrey, the county historian.

1668. Charles Danvers app. Recorder.

1677. James Sutton of Devizes married Ann Palmer.

1678. James, their eldest son born.

1679. Sir Walter Chute and Sir Edward Baynton elected members.

1680. Mr. Richard Webb died, aged 90.

1681. Rev. H. Johnson, rector, died; succeeded by James Dyer, on Charles II's presentation.—Sir Giles Hungerford and John Eyles elected members. At another election the same year George Johnson, who had unsuccessfully contested the borough with Sir E Baynton, was elected in Mr. Eyles's place.

1684. Sir John Talbot app. Recorder.

1685. Charles II's charter granted; the first principal officers under which were Wm. Watts, Mayor; Sir John Talbot, Recorder; Charles Danvers, Deputy-Recorder and Justice of Peace; John Kent, Justice of Peace and senior Alderman. Sir J. Talbot and Walter Grubbe were sent the same year to Parliament. Sir John had been the first to receive the restored King's personal salutation on his landing at Dover.—Charles died this year, when the "Monmouth Rebellion" broke out, which the Wilts Militia, commanded by Col. Wyndham (under Lord Pembroke), assisted to suppress. They occupied Devizes from the 9th to the 11th of July.

1685. (James II.)—Sir John Talbot and Walter Grubbe elected members.

1688. (Revolution)—Bishop Ken, poet and non-juror, took up his residence at Poulshot.—The Mayor and burgesses were prompt to offer their allegiance to the Prince of Orange.—Rev. J. Frawlings died.

1689. (William III).—Walter Grubbe, Tory, and Sir Wm. Pynsent, Whig, elec. members.

1690. W. Grubbe and John Methuen, Whig, ditto.—The Rev. Robt. Townsend, A.M. succeeded to the rectorship, void by Mr. Dyer's death.

1695. John Methuen and Sir Edward Ernle, Tory elected members.

1698. John Methuen and Sir Francis Child, Tory, ditto.

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XVIIIth Century.

1701. Sir. F. Child and Sir Francis Merewether, ditto.

1702. (Queen Anne)—Sir F. Child and John Methuen, ditto. Sir Francis being also elected for London, sat for that city.—Rev. J. Filkes, new Baptist pastor.

1703. The Queen visited Whetham House, the seat of John K. Ernle, Esq.—"The Great Storm," attended with vast destruction of property.

1706. Thos. Webb appointed Recorder, Josiah Distin, Tory, elected member, vice J. Methuen, deceased.

1708. Josiah Distin and Paul Methuen, both Whigs, ret. Unsuccessfully contested by Mr. Webb, Tory.

1710. A fiercely-contested election between Sir F. Child and Thomas Webb, Jacobites, and Paul Methuen and Josiah Distin, Hanoverians; the return of the two former was, on petition, confirmed.

1714. 21 Roman "penates," or household gods, and a coin of the Emperor Severus, were disinterred by Wm. Cadby, in the Green.

1715. (George I.)—Josiah Distin and Francis Eyles elected members.

The tradition (says Mr. James Waylen) that some leading men of the town and neighbourhood favoured the first Jacobite rising though pronounced by an able local historian "flimsy," must, however, be accepted *as* a tradition, to which like some other traditions, people's credence will be proportioned to their political bias. Only ten years previous had witnessed an angry local contest between the Jacobite and Georgian factions: rival Parliamentary candidates, even rival Mayors, and the unseemly spectacle of a resort to physical weapons and fisticuffs, in which those dignitaries took part, in St. Mary's Churchyard, the former proving the victors, and their chosen candidates securing their seats. Devizes folks, unenviably famed before and since Gibbon's time for their obstinate combativeness, were *hardly* the sort of people to have reconciled their differences in so short an interval. Add to which presumptive evidence for the tradition, the emphatic and oft-uttered testimony of respectable persons of a late generation to the existence of an active Jacobite element in the town at, and long following, the second rising of '45. Our historian is correct in affirming that the Wilts *magistracy* were, in general, favourable to the Hanoverian succession; and as he deems the names of the grand jury, who, in Devizes, in April 1720, voted a "counter-declaration" to the defiant presentment of the Marlborough Corporation to the Chairman and Bench of Quarter Sessions, on account of their Orange-hued politics, "worth preserving," they shall have a place in these annals:—Francis Yerbury, Thos. Eyles, Thos. Bush, Wm. Smith, W. Alexander, Joseph

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Marshman, John Bedford, John Browning, Jas. Crew, Samuel Cooke, John Mortimer. John Fry, Robt. Wiltshire, J. Nicholls, Isaac Gale, John Gaisford, John Weeks, Jos. Ponting, Wm. Axford, Isaac Aldridge, Jeff Merriwether, Wm. Wayland, of Rowde-hill, Wm. Nash, J. Wetherell, Jonathan Scott, and John Hitchcock. The Wm. Wayland in this list was gt. grandfather to Mr. George Wayland of Longcroft (and its purchaser), the patronymic not being then finally changed. It may be added that his uncle, Mr. Robt. Waylen's ancestor, of Nurstead and Woodley, was as zealously affected for "the King over the water," as was his nephew for the Guelph and Whigism; the present descendants of the former being all Whigs, and of the latter, Tories.

1720. The national panic caused by the bursting of the "South-sea Bubble" this year reached Devizes, implicating Francis Eyles, Esq., the member, one of the Directors, who was expelled the House of Commons by an unanimous vote, and Ben. H. Styles, Esq., elected in his place. The inventory of Mr. Eyles's assets and debts exhibits, on account of Rowde Manor, merchandise, mortgages, personals, &c., was £47.069, against £20,000 debts—nominal "balance in his favour, £27,069." Among the debts were £9,000 to R. Knight on note of hand; £5,000 to Richard Musgrave on Bond; £2,744 to Wm. Waylen, for "an estate at Rowde," £1,240 to Edw. Hope for land at Rowde; £900 to Jos. Stephens for land at Rowde; £1,240 "for an estate at Poulshot;" £477 to Henry Flower; £450 to the mayor and burgesses; £300 to Dr. Dorchester; £300 to Thos. Halifax; £300 to Robt. Waylen, of Nurstead; £150 to John Gale. These sums were paid in full.

1721. In Oct. of this year the Rev. Robt. Townsend died, and was succeeded in the rectorship by John Shergold, A.M.

1724 Dr. Pound, of B. Cannings, the eminent astronomer died 16th Nov., at Wanstead, in Essex, aged 65.

1725. Dec. 18. Died Nicholas Adee, Esq.

1727 (George II.) Ben. H. Styles and Capt. Francis Eyles (Whig) elected members.—To neutralize the local electioneering influence of Ant. Guy, Esq., the High Sheriff, at Chippenham, Messrs. Richard Smith (coroner), John Norris, Adam Tuck, and Wm. Johnson (mayor), partizans of Messrs. Edward Thomas and Edward Baynton Rolt, procured under a legal quibble, his imprisonment at Devizes during the contest of the latter candidates with Alex. Hume and John Frederick, refusing offered-bail of £10,000! The high-handed act succeeded: Thomas and Rolt being ret. by a small majority, and their election, despite an adverse petition, being confirmed by the House!

1730. Died at Rowde, Ferdinando Walker, the vicar, a voluminous writer on ecclesiastical history, and on the Book of Common Prayer.

1732. John Garth, Esq., app. Recorder.

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1733. The first Devizes Almanack published by Dr. Henry Season.

1734. Sir Jos. Eyles and Francis Eyles, both Whigs, returned members.

1731. The Rev. Wm. Watts succeeds to the rectorship, void by resignation, on George II's presentation.

1740. Jas. Sutton, Esq., several times mayor, died.—J. Garth, Esq., Recorder, elected member in the room of Sir J. Eyles, deceased.

1741. Francis Eyles and J. Garth elected borough members.

1742. Wadham Locke, Esq., of Devizes, married Rachel, daughter and heiress of the Rev. Thomas Andrews, of Seend.—Geo. Lee, LL.D., elected member, vice F. Eyles, who took office.

1746. Thomas Estcourt, Esq. died, leaving his estate to his brother Edmund.

1747. John Garth, Esq., elec. member, as colleague to Dr. Lee.—John Wesley's first visit (13th Oct.), when the curate, Mr. Innes, "stirred up the people" to mob him, but the effort failed. "The town (records Mr. W's diary), was in an uproar from end to end, as if the French were just entering, and abundance of swelling words we heard, with oaths, curses and threatenings. . . . Many of the mob came in, listened a little, and stood still; no one opened his mouth, but attention sat upon the face of every hearer," On the 29th of Oct. Mr. W. preached here again, when the "pains taken again to raise a mob was lost labour."—In 1748 the Rev. Charles Wesley, attended by Mr. Meriton, arrived to preach, when "the curate's mob," as he styles it, were more demonstrative. He describes them "as lions roaring for their prey. The chief gentlemen (?) of the town headed the mob, and the zealous curate, Mr. Innes, stood with them in the street the whole time, dancing for joy." The rioters played an engine into the place of meeting, flooded it, broke the windows, ducked and maimed one of the Wesleyans, and made repeated efforts to get Mr. W., whose blood they thirsted for, into their hands. After a protracted scene of uproar and violence, the preacher and his friends, aided by Mr. Sutton and Mr. Willey, escaped up the Bath-road, but at a great risk, the mob setting two bull-dogs upon them, who tore Mr. W's horse badly, and followed them with outcries. "Such fierceness and diabolical malice, (writes Mr. W.) I have not seen in human faces!" John Wesley often afterwards preached here, without any renewal of popular opposition.

1749. Died, 30th May, at Nurstead House, at the advanced age of 91, and 34th of her widowhood, Mrs. R. Waylen.

1751. Five persons drowned in Drew's Pond, on Sunday, June 30th, to commemorate which a monolith was erected in St. John's Churchyard.

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1752. The old stage coach, called the Devizes chaise, having been repeatedly robbed by a single highwayman near London, the robber was at length captured by William Norton, a professional thief-catcher, when it was found that his only weapon was an old pistol tinder box.

1753. Providential visitation of death to Ruth Pierce, in the Market Place, Jan. 25.

1754. Wm. Willey, Esq., of Devizes, Whig, elected as colleague to Mr. Garth.

1756. Marriage of Lieut.-Colonel John Smith, to Anne, 4th daughter of William Waylen, Esq, of Rowde-hill. Col. Smith is the historic hero who fought under Earl Percy in the first American war, and was made Commandant of the Niagara forces. Their only son, Sir David Wm. Smith, was raised to the baronetcy by George IV.—The Bear Club Charity established. By the original rules it was agreed that the members should dine together each year in the month of August.

1761. John Garth and William Willey, Esqs., ret. to Parliament. Edw. Gibbons, the historian, then a Captain of grenadiers in the Hants militia, lay here with the regiment during the autumn. In his journal he describes the town as *populous, disorderly, and singularly inhospitable*—flattering!

1764 Chas. Garth, Esq., app. Recorder.

1765. James Sutton and Charles Garth, Esq., Tories, elected members—First Devizes newspaper published.

1767. An advertisement appeared bearing the following title:—"A plain narrative of facts relating to the person who lately passed under the assumed name of the Princess Wilbrahama, lately detected at the Devizes, containing her whole history from her first elopement from the Hon. Miss Sc——t till her discovery and committment to Devizes Bridewell, together with the extraordinary circumstances attending that discovery, and the report of a jury of matrons summoned on the occasion." She was a clever swindler, whose career was at last finished by transportation.

1768. James Sutton, Esq., re-elected member.—The Long monument on the Salisbury-road built.

1770. Died at the age of 70, Philip Carteret Webb, cousin to Benjamin Webb, of Devizes. He had been solicitor to the Treasury, and had incurred much odium for the prosecution of John Wilkes. As a literary man he was distinguished as the author of divers tracts and pamplets, principally on antiquarian subjects.

1771. May 5th, the Rev. Rowland Hill preached his first sermon in Devizes on "Marshman's Green."—The Earl of Pembroke, as Colonel of the Wilts Militia, gave a grand ball at the King's Arms Inn, at which were present the Duke and Duchess of Queensbury, of Amesbury, Lady Elizabeth Herbert, Hon. Stephen and Lady Mary Fox, Mr. and Lady Betty Delme, of Erlestoke, Hon. Mr. Bathurst,

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Sir Edw. Baynton, Sir Thos. Tankerville, &c.—J. Sutton, Esq., of New Park, marr. Eleanor, daughter of Dr. Addington, of Reading.

1772. Mrs. Cooper, of Chirton, died, aged 114.—Thos. Lawrence, father of the painter, took the Bear Inn; the future President of the Royal Academy being then three years old.

1773. A woman of Seend lying of fever, repeatedly exclaimed, "She is pinching me to death." As this was supposed to refer to witchcraft, many of the neighbours fell upon a suspected old woman and ducked her in a pond. Next day the ordeal would have been renewed but for magisterial interference.—As an example of the credulity of the age, the following advertisement may be quoted: "This day, 15th Nov. 1773, will arrive at the King's Arms, Devizes, Professor Hillman, the most eminent oculist in Europe, who has restored thousands of blind people to sight: and most of them in a few minutes time. He will set out for Bath on Friday."

1774. Charles Garth, esq., re-elected member.—Thomas Bancroft gave £1500 to various town charities.

1775. Opening of the first banking house in Devizes, by Jas. Sutton, Wm. Leach, John Beaven, and Rich. Read. Mr. Leach was a snuff-manufacturer, who used the old towers of the castle (afterwards owned and occupied by his descendant), fitted up as mills, for grinding.

1776. Several public meetings held, at which John Anstie, esq., presided, to check the increasing and injurious export of sheep, yarn and wool.—Operatives' riots "on account of defective wages or of new machinery," lamentably frequent.—Congregational (or "Independent") chapel built for the Rev. Robert Sloper.

1777. Died, aged 86, Mr. Tho. Thurman, of Wine-street. He bequeathed £50 to the parish poor, £1050 to working people in the town, the interest on £200 towards church service in St. John's on Monday and Tuesdays, £100 to the poor at Potterne, and a large sum for educating and clothing 15 poor children in Devizes, with many other liberal legacies to public objects.

1778. On August 19, Thomas Boulter, a famous highwayman, the terror of the southern counties, was hanged. He was a native of Poulshot.

1779. Died, Prince Sutton, esq., of Devizes, aged 78. He had married Mary, sister and co-heiress of George Willey of New Park, esq.;—left a son (James) who inherited New Park.—31st Aug., died Robert Waylen, esq., of Nurstead-house, aged 73. William Powell, an enterprising farmer, founder of the Quaker chapel, succeeded to the ownership of the same, with the farm attached, cultivating also Sleight farm—Wadham Locke, esq., solicitor, of Devizes, married Alice, eldest daughter of John Sutton, esq., of the same.—Sept. 9th, John Anstie, esq., organised and trained at his own expense, a company of volunteers for the preservation of the peace.—Mr. Lawrence quitted "The Bear," to which Mr. Halcombe succeeded.

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1780—The feverish state of public opinion caused by the American war, led to a public county meeting in Devizes, to recommend Parliamentary reform and financial retrenchment, which was enthusiastically advocated at the same by the Earls of Shelburne and Abingdon, Hon. C. J. Fox, Mr. W. Bowles of Heale-house, Sir W. Jones of Ramsbury, Mr. Penruddocke Wyndham, Mr. Jervoise and Gen. Smith. Mr. Salmon was appointed secretary, and the committee chosen comprised the names of the Earl of Radnor, Awdry of Notton, Hon. Barth and Hon. W. H. Bouverie, Bythesea Calley of Burderop, Edridge of Chippenham, Goddard of Swindon, Hussey. of Salisbury, Kent of Potterne, Lediard and Sutton of Devizes, Long of Rood Ashton, Poore of Wedhampton, &c., &c.—Charles Garth and Sir James Tylney Long (Tory) were sent to Parliament for the borough, but Mr. G. accepting office, Henry Jones (Tory) was elected his place. Messrs. A. Goddard and C. Penruddocke were chosen for the county.—Old Baptist Chapel built for the Rev. James Pine.—The Gordon riots extend to Wilts; Catholics were mobbed at Salisbury; Lord Arundel's chapel was burnt, and further mischief at Wardour, only arrested by the arrival of a detachment of the 2nd Dragoons from Devizes.—Wadham Locke, afterwards of Rowdeford, born in New Park-street, where his father resided.—In this year a millwright of Etchilhampton, named Francis Cousens, who was working in St. James' Church, Devizes, found in the belfry one of the cannon balls lodged there by Sir William Waller during the seige of Devizes, in 1643.

1781. Lady Maria Baynton, daughter of George Williams, Earl of Coventry, was divorced from her husband, Andrew Baynton, Esq., of Spye Park.—The first Act passed for lighting, watching and cleansing the Borough.—Marriage of the Rev. J. L. Fenner, a schoolmaster and Presbyterian Minister, of Devizes. At his school was Sir Thos. Lawrence, then a lad.

1782. Thos. Wyatt, Esq., grandfather of the eminent architect, bought Rowdeford of Sir Peter Delme.

1783. Terrible frost in December. At that time a mail used to be carried from Devizes to Heytesbury. The lad entrusted with this errand was lifted from his horse just in time to save his life. Edward Brown, a sheriff's officer was frozen to death five miles out of Salisbury.

1784. Henry Addington, Mr. J. Sutton's brother-in-law, appointed Recorder, and with Sir J. T. Long (both Tories) returned to Parliament as members for the borough.

1785. Died, Betty Lambourn, of Market Lavington, aged 107, and Ann Sims, of Studley-green, aged 112. In ridicule of one of the most pronounced fashions of the day—the large stomachers, an advertisement announced that Isaac Newton, brazier, of Devizes, had combined with his usual business, the profession of staymaker to the ladies.—At the July Assizes an action for trespass and assault was brought by Mr. Wadham Locke, against Mr. W. A. Ballard, an attorney, of Westbury, the result of a fracas between these two gentlemen arising out of certain legal proceedings; Sergeant Rooke

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defended Ballard with much ability and humour. Justice Butler summed up, and the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff with ten shillings damage.

1787. A poem called "Roundway Hill" published by Mr. T. Needham Rees, surgeon, of Devizes. It was printed by Mr. T. Smith.

1788. The centenary of the Revolution was celebrated. A lofty pole was erected in the Market-place, furnished with tar-barrels to the top, which when on flame was seen far and wide.—Joshua Smith of Erlestoke, Esq. (Tory), was returned for the borough, *vice* Sir J. T. Long, who stood for the county.

1789. George III. spent the autumn of this year in Wilts, visiting Longleat, Tottenham-park, &c. On his passage through Devizes a loyal address was read to him by the corporation in their robes, Gen. Crosby acting as spokesmen.—The Rev. E. Innes died, and James Lediard was ins. rector.

1790. Henry Addington and Joshua Smith, esqrs., were re-elected for the borough, and Sir J. T. Long and Ambrose Goddard, esq., for the county.

1791. Joshua Smith, Esq., M.P., gave £500 towards borough improvements. Other gentlemen, at the same time, also gave considerable sums for the purpose.

1792. A fire at New Park; extinguished by the townspeople, "when the whole town turned out," with three fire engines.—Presbyterian chapel opened.—Rev. J. Dyer suc. Mr. Pine at the Old Baptist.

1793. A loyal society called "The Association of Friends to the King and Constitution," formed, being the first of the kind in the kingdom, to support the Government in its opening hostilities with republican France.—Wilts Yeomanry Cavalry formed.

1794. A great pro-war county meeting held here 24th April, the Sheriff, Richard Long of Rood Ashton, in the chair, when it was resolved to augment the militia by 400 artillery.—New theatre in the Green, built by Mr. Gamble, architect.

1795. A great mortality among the sheep—one-fourth dying of cold after shearing, in June.—Henry Hunt of Endford, the future "Radical orator," married Miss Halcombe of the Bear Inn.

1796. Jas. Biggs, M A., succeeded Mr. Fenner as pastor of the Baptist church.

1798. The military body called the "Associated Householders," under Capt. Salmon, formed in Devizes. In August this year "an electric explosion of surpassing loudness" fired the upholstery premises of Mr. R. Knight, and of the Black Swan.

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1799. The title of the "Associated Householders," was, by royal command, changed to that of "The Devizes Loyal Volunteers," when (16th Sept.) they were presented, on Roundway-down, with a pair of colours, by the Rt. Hon. H. Addington, Recorder of the Borough. Ensigns Wadham Locke and William Wroughton Salmon received them from Mr. Sutton's hands.—Kennett and Avon Canal opened for navigation.

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1800. Duel between Colonel Campell and Lieut. Cromwell, when the former received a slight wound in the face.—County meeting to congratulate Geo. III. on his escape from attempts on his life in Drury Lane Theatre, and Hyde Park, 15th and 16th May.—Corn this year fetched 144s. per quarter. The Mayor, Geo. Sloper, esq., called, and preside at, a public meeting responsive to a royal proclamation, recommending householders of means to economise as much as possible in the consumption of bread and wheat-flour, and to adopt, and promote the use of, nutritious substitutes therefor.—Thos. Grimstone Estcourt, esq., married Eleanor, daughter and co-heir of James Sutton, of New Park, esq.—In this year the Bishop of Salisbury issued an order that two services should thenceforth be held on Sundays in each of the Wiltshire Churches.

1801. Mr. Sutton, of New Park, died, and Mr. Estcourt succeeded to the ownership and occupancy thereof.—Mr. Addington accepted the Premiership; the corporation voted him a complimentary address. He concluded a treaty of peace with France; public rejoicings in Devizes. Died, on the 20th September, Benjamin Blayney, rector of Poulshot, an eminent Hebrew scholar.

1802. The Right Hon Mr. Addington and Joshua Smith, Esq., returned for the borough; Henry P. Wyndham and Ambrose Goddard for the county.—Mr. Hunt's maiden speech (which was against the malt duty) was made at the latter nomination.

1803. The Rev. Richard Elliott commenced his ministrations, as co-pastor to the Rev. Robert Sloper, at the Independent Chapel, which was soon after (1810) enlarged to greater proportions.

1804. In Dec. the Addington ministry disolved and Mr. Addington accepted a Viscountsy.

1805. The Corporation vote Lord Sidmouth a complimentary address on his elevation to the peerage. Thomas G. Escourt, esq., (Tory), of New Park, elected for the borough in his place.—The Melville impeachment agitated the country this year, and provoked a public county meeting at Devizes in June, when Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Collins, of Salisbury, seconded, some energetic resolutions of strong censure in amendment of the more qualified ones prepared by the committee, which former were carried by acclamation.—Wadham Locke, esq., of Devizes, purchased Rowdeford of Mr. Wyatt.

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1806. Mr. Pitt died, and the famous Coalition Ministry coming in, saw young Lord Henry Petty (afterwards Marquis of Lansdowne) Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Joshua Smith and T. G. B. Estcourt, esqs., were re-elected for the borough; H. P. Wyndham and Richard Long, esqs., for the county.—Mr. Hunt, in a published address, protesting against the two latter, and what he called "the dictatorship of the Beckhampton and Deptford Clubs."

1807. The Coalition Ministry dismissed by the King in March, and the Portland Ministry formed.—The mayor and burgesses vote an address of thanks to His Majesty.—At the general election following, the same members were returned for borough and county.—Died William Eldridge, esq., of Old Park, aged 76; and Wm. Long, esq., J.P., of Baynton.—Rev. P. Feist suc. Mr. Dyer at Old Baptist Ch.

1808. New Town-hall opened; Lord Sidmouth's marble bust was placed in the Council Chamber. A grand ball and supper in the new building.

1809. The Rev. T. A. Methuen presented to the Rectory of Allcannings. The Methuens derive from a Scottish house; and Methuen Castle (pronounced Mervin Castle) near Huntingtower in Perthshire, still stands as a memorial to the antiquity of the name. The founder of the Wiltshire branch of the family appears to have been Paul Methuen, a Bradford clothier of the period of the civil war.

1810. A Sheriff's Fund for regulating and reducing the expenses attending the office of High Sheriff had been in operation since 1767. It was now resolved to increase its efficiency. William Salmon, of Devizes, was appointed treasurer, and John Bull, steward. Amongst other things this society sought to abolish the necessity for javelin men and trumpeters.—A lad who was accused of burning down Mr. Williams' schoolhouse at Bratton, hung himself in the Old Bridewell, at Devizes, while awaiting his trial.—June 7th, Mutiny of the 2nd Wilts Militia in Devizes; suppressed the next day by Col. Lord Bruce and several troops of Yeo. Cavalry, when Marmion, the ringleader, was flogged on the Green.

1811. John Tylee, the first of that name, chosen Mayor. Failure of the "Salisbury Bank" (Bowles, Ogden, and Wyndham), entailing untold distress.

1812. T. G. Estcourt, Esq., M.P., and Joshua Smith, Esq., each presented to the Corporation of Devizes the sum of £2,500, to enable that body to discharge its long-standing debt. The same gentlemen had previously given £1000 towards a similar object. Mr. G. Watson-Taylor, M.P., Mr. J. Pearce, M.P., and other gentlemen also subscribed liberally.—General Election, on the Earl of Liverpool's ministry coming in, Smith and Estcourt re-elected for the borough; in the county Paul Methuen, of Corsham-house, succeeded Mr. Wyndham.—Rowdeford mansion rebuilt.—

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"Orator" Hunt was an unsuccessful candidate at Bristol; the others being Davis, Protheroe, and Sir Samuel Romilly.

1813. Feb. 16. The "Wiltshire Society" formed at Devizes under John Benett's presidency.—Rev. J. Handforth suc. Mr. Feist at Old Baptist Chapel.—August 11th. The Wiltshire Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society establised at Devizes.—At the Salisbury Assizes this year a case was decided declaring "Conscience's Lane, near Devizes, to be a public carriage way, chargeable to the parish of Rowde.

1814. New Market Cross raised. Benjamin Wyatt architect, John Singleton Clark, Esq., mayor; cost £1,500—defrayed by Lord Sidmouth, "as a memorial of his grateful attachment to the Borough of Devizes, of which he had been Recorder 30 years, and of which he was six times unanimously chosen a representative in Parliament."—Death of Edmund Estcourt, Esq.

1815. June 18. Battle of Waterloo, and peace-celebrations in Devizes, when 100 guns were fired in the Market-place.—The Rev. C. Lucas licensed to the curacy.—County Bible meeting, at which Coleridge the poet, and the Revs. T. A. Methuen, R. Elliott, &c, were present.—Corn law proposed, prohibiting the importation of corn till it reached 80s. a quarter. Great agitation. Two county meetings in its support, one at Warminster convened by Mr. J. Benett, which, through Mr. Hunt's tactics, proved a failure; the other at Salisbury, with the like result, 20,000 persons signing a petition against the odious "bread tax."

1816. Jan. 4. First No. of *Simpson's Salisbury Gazette*.—Died, Mrs. Thomas Locke, whose house Mr. R. Waylen bought.—Mar. 21. County meetings on the national distress and property tax: Hunt and Cobbett speakers.—May 20. Mr. N. Gibson knocked down and robbed on the Coate-road, by Thos. Hibberd and Thos. Smith.—July 18. Manor and estate of All Cannings (2,400 acres) offered for sale.—This year the building of the New Prison at Devizes was commenced.—On the 8th of October, Mr. Gifford, of Seend, was attacked by two men, a short distance beyond the New Prison, about 8 o'clock in the evening, as he was walking home. They beat him in a shocking manner, and after robbing him of his gold watch and other valuables, left him for dead. Fortunately the mail coach arrived at the spot shortly after the robbery, and the guard observing a man lying across the road, and discovering who he was, informed Mr. Smith, the Postmaster, who immediately sent for Dr. Everett, Mr. Gifford's brother-in-law. The two robbers were afterwards arrested on the borders of Gloucestershire, and on them was found some of Mr. Gifford's property. They were tried at the following March Assizes, and executed over the gate of the gaol at Fisherton.

1817. Popular agitation consequent upon the Spa Fields Reform meetings, and a (supposed) attempt on the Prince Regent's life. In Feb. the mayor and burgesses voted a loyal address.—March 19.

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A great county meeting in Devizes Market-place, Mr. Penruddocke, the sheriff, presiding, for the same object. Mr. Hunt in proposing an amendment to that of Mr. Benett (who had indulged in a scurrilous personal attack on the hon. gentleman) was mobbed by the Tory partizans, and (to quote his own words) "but for the impenetrable phalanx of gallant, brave, and kind-hearted Wiltshiremen, who formed with their persons an impregnable bulwark to all the assaults of constables, bullies, and blackguards, urged on by the mayor (Stephen Neate and his myrmidons, the consequences might have proved very serious." Mr. Cobbett, who was to have attended the meeting, had fled to America.—May 14. "Wiltshire Society" founded in London.—June 20. Died, Mrs. Paradice (the last of an old respectable family), aged 70.—Oct. Thomas Moore, the poet, visited Bowood, and took Sloperton-cottage, which the family entered Nov. 18.—In Nov. Queen Charlotte, accompanied by a daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, passed through Devizes on their way to Bath.

1818. Gen. Election: T. G. B. Estcourt and John Pearce (Tories) returned to Parliament for the borough; Paul Methuen and Wm. Long Wellesley for the county; John Bennett, Esq., of Pythouse, an unsuccessful candidate.—Sept. 22. Died, the Rev. Robert Sloper.—24. Thomas Moore's eldest son, Thomas Lansdowne, born at Sloperton Cottage.

1819. March 19. Died, Joshua Smith, of Erlestoke, esq.—July 1. The publication of Simpson's *Gazette* removed to Devizes.—July 16. Commencement of contest between Sir John Dugdale Astley and John Benett; nomination at Devizes.—August 2. Mr. Salmon gave a *fete champetre* in the grounds of Drew's-pond, at which all the *elite* of the town and neighbourhood were present, including Tom Moore, who thus described it: "A beautiful place, and everything gay and *riant*; a boat on the little lake, musicians playing on the island in the middle of it, tents pitched, &c., &c."—16th. The "Manchester Massacre," and arrest of Messrs. Hunt (chairman), Johnstone, Saxton, Fitton, and Knight, on a charge of high treason.—21. Astley entered Devizes from Marlborough, attended by an immense concourse, who in the evening smashed the windows of Messrs. Gent, R. Waylen, Pontin, George Sloper, and Hull.—Mr. Benett elected by 183 majority.—Thomas Estcourt, sen., esq., of Shipton Moyne, father of the borough member, died at an advanced age.—24. Dinner to Mr. Benett at the *Bear*, Mr. Locke chairman.—A requisition, signed by Lord Arundell, the Duke of Somerset, Lord Audover, Sir J. C. Hobhouse, and 360 other leading freeholders, for a county meeting, to demand an inquiry into the conduct of the Manchester magistracy, was presented to the sheriff, Mr. John Long, who refused compliance therewith.—Nov. Erlestoke bought of Mr. J. Smith's trustees for £200,000, by Watson Taylor, Esq.

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1820. At the general election Mr. Locke unsuccessfully contested the borough with Mr. Pearce, who was returned, with Mr. Estcourt; for the county Messrs. Benett and Astley were ret., Mr. Wellesley retiring.—Very severe cold, snow 8 ft. deep in some parts. £322 subscribed for the poor.—Feb. 5. W. H. Grubbe, of Eastwell, esq., died.—Very warm summer, glass in Devizes 93 deg. in the shade. —Aug. Mr. W. Harrison opened his PANATHŒNA, or "Temple of Arts," in High-street.—The abandonment of the ministerial bill to impeach the Queen was celebrated with popular rejoicings in Devizes on the 11th, 12th, and 13th Nov.; on the evening of the latter day three-fourths of the householders illuminated, in the face of a virtual prohibition by the mayor and corporation, the most noteworthy being the houses of Messrs. B. Anstie, R. Waylen, G. Sloper, J. Cox, the Rev. Messrs. Lucas & Elliott, the "Black Swan," and the "Castle" Inns.—20th The mayor refused compliance with a requisition for a public meeting to congratulate the Queen on "her happy escape from the late conspiracy against her honour and dignity."

1821. June 25. One of the last "single-stick" combats, at Dunkirk, in which (among others) the doughty Robt. Fidler was victor.—July 19. Coronation Day, great festivities; conducted however on the then orthodox, but now happily exploded, sectarian model: 400 "church" children eat their beef and pudding in front of the Town-hall, while 500 "dissenting" juveniles were similarly employed at the back of Hillworth-house: the mayor and a more miscellaneous company closing the loyal programme by a dinner at the "Bear Inn."—Aug. 7. Died, Her gracious Majesty the Queen Consort, aged 53; most of the inhabitants went into mourning.—Wheat crops much damaged by rain.—Nov. 20. Died George Sloper, esq., of Sheep-street, the "father of the corporation," three times mayor, and eight years chamberlain; heir his nephew, G. Elgar Sloper, of Etchilhampon, esq. During this year "an Unparalleled Exhibition, combining rational amusement with fine specimens of the arts," styled "The Panathene, or Temple of Arts," was opened in a spacious moveable building, erected in High-street, by W. Harrison, F.S.A. The exhibition afterwards taken to Bath, Bristol, and London.

1822. Opened with heavy rains and floods. In March a subscription was opened for a British and Foreign school building; Mr. Waylen gave a freehold site in Northgate-street. Sub. also for a town school, towards which Mr. W. Taylor gave £40—29th. Died Mrs. Gaisford of Devizes, aged 96—May 24. Theatre in the Green (now Mr. Mullings' shop) opened for a short season by Mr. Manager Pollard, with a "grand spectacle of George IV's Coronation"—June 14. The Rev. Mr. Lediard's house broken open and robbed.—July 14. Sermons preached in several places of worship on behalf of the distressed Irish: collection at St. John's and St. Mary's £91 13s. 6d., at the Independent Chapel £19 14s., at the "Presbyterian" ditto £10 14s.; private subcriptions,

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£60 16s. 6d.—Aug. 22, Mr. Hunt's Devizes admirers sent him a sympathetic memorial, with 12 guineas,—Sept. 30, Urchfont Chapel dedicated by the Rev. Messrs. Elliott, Sweetapple, and Guard. —First public possession of the "Odd-fellows," who attended St Mary's Church, when Mr. Lucas preached, and dinner at the "Saracen's Head."—Oct. 30th Rev. J. Mayo elected chaplain of the New Prison.—Mr. Hunt's term of imprisonment expiring this day, 79 gentlemen met him at public breakfast at Ilchester, and, with Sir Charles Wolseley, he proceeded to London, attended by immense crowds, where on the 11th Nov. he was welcomed by the largest concourse ever gathered in England, conducted in a barouch and six to the Eagle Tavern, where 300 gentlemen met him at dinner.—On the morning of Friday, the 22nd of February, 1822, an alarming insurrection of the prisoners confined in the New Prison, Devizes, took place. After they had taken this exercise, they refused to return to their cells. This was in consequence of some alteration having been made in the diet of the prisoners, whose cry was "Bread or Blood." The govenor sent for the Mayor, Mr. Henry Butcher, for assistance, who sent to the prison the head constables of the borough, Mr. T. B. Smith and Mr. Crook. On their arrival they found their services useless, there being at the time nearly 300 prisoners under confinement. The mayor then swore in about 200 tradesmen and others of the town, as special constables. Thus the mutiny, which commenced about 9 a.m. was quelled about 4 p.m. In the meantime, two of the visiting magistrates of the prison had arrived, and by their orders three or four of the rioters were tied up and well flogged. Thus the only riot that has occurred in Devizes prison was subdued.

1823. Jan. 2. Grand fancy-dress ball given by Mr. Hardman of Old Park, to many of the inhabitants of Devizes.—Great distress prevailing this winter, and as much as £347 was raised for Devizes poor, and expended in blankets, coal, and provisions.—March 1. Black Dog Inn on the Lavington road burnt down.—April 28. Extensive injury perpetrated on the sheep and plantation of Mr. Tanner, of Urchfont.—May 8. A new coach, "the Constitution," commenced running between Devizes and Bath, and another called "the Sovereign," between Devizes and Cheltenham.—John Russell, Moore's second son born.—Mr. Thomas Hall, sold Park-cottage, and left the town for the residence, of his friend, Mr. Curling.—June 2. Mr. Charles Tylee retired from the "Devizes Bank."—Sept. 4, Colonel (afterwards Major-General) Wm. Hull, visited Devizes, his native town, after 25 years' absence in India. Dinner party given to him by Mr. Hughes; Tom Moore, Rev. J. Mayo, &c., guests.—31. Devastating storm, damage principally at Erlestoke and New Park.—Farm produce had so fallen in value since the peace of 1815, that Mr. Hunt records that since the peace skim cheese sold in Devizes market for six shillings the cwt., and wheat had dropped from £50 to £5 the load.

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1824. Tom Moore, and Lord J. Russell at the anniversary dinner of the "Wilts Friendly Society,"—June 17, Washington Irving visited Sloperton, and was entertained at Bowood, Spye-park, &c. Aug. 13. Moore's infant son christened at Bromham, Lord John Russell standing godfather.

1825. Jan. 22. The "Borough Improvement Act," for paving, gas lighting, cleansing, watching, and improving the town, rececived the royal assent; the execution of its provision placed in the hands of 110 resident commissioners; Messrs. Estcourt and Pearce and Mr. Watson Taylor each gave £1,000 towards the expenses, the principal residents liberally following their example.

1826. At the general election J. Pearce, esq., was re-elected, and W. Taylor, of Erlestoke, esq., was returned in the place of Mr. Estcourt, who was elected for Oxford University.—March 1, Moore, on invitation, attended the election dinner at the Bear, and made an eloquent speech.—Aug. 7, Bible Society anniversay, Mr. W. Taylor, chairman, held in the Court-house, the use of the Assembly-room being refused by the chamberlains, Messrs. Bayntun and Everett.—Oct. 12. Died, in his 79th year, W. Salmon, sen., esq., of Southbroom-house.—Sept. 1. Col. Napier, the military historian, enters on the occupation of Battle-house, Bromham.

1827. Jan. 12. Died, Mrs. Waylen, widow of Mr. William Waylen, in her 100th year.—Rev. J. Hitchcock succeeded Mr. Handford as pastor of Old Baptist Chapel.—Aug. 14. The great Erlestoke Fete given by Mr. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, with many notabilities, present, altogether more than 500 guests.—Numerous petitions sent by each of the dissenting congregations of the town. for the repeal of the Sacramental Test Act. Nov. James Tilby, a Devizes attorney, conducted a suit in the King's Bench against the Corporation, requiring them to show cause by what authority they exercised their office. He was non-suited.

1828. April, Test and Corporation Repeal Bill passed.—May 8-9-12. Debate in the Commons on Sir F. Burdett's motion in behalf of Catholic Emancipation, which was carried by 272 against 266. At the succeeding conference with the Lords, the Government consented to assume the question. Oct. 1. County Subscription Reading Room established: Mr. T. B. Smith secretary.—Provisions and clothing lavishly distributed to the poor of Erlestoke by Mr. Taylor. The Wiltshire Friendly Society was established in this year. Oct. 24 Dr. Brabant drew up a statement relative to Alexandra Magdalena Frederick von Dachenhausen, a Polish Countess who had found her way to Devizes after being victinised by a Captain Frederick, sometime a resident in this town. A subscription was thereupon set on foot to obtain her admittance into a Polish Convent. Her husband attempting to get married again, was convicted in Hanover of bigamy, and died in prison at Hameton, in Germany, in 1831.

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1829. Jan. 27. Died, Mr. Wm. Biggs, for many years a deacon of the Independent Church.—28. Sale of the Rev. Henry Bayntun's property in houses and lands; Browfort fetched £2,000, his house in Long-street (which had cost him £4,000), £1,900, Lyecroft £560, &c., &c. Feb. 8, Died, at Sloperton Cottage, aged 16, Anastatia, daughter of Thomas Moore.--18th, T. Estcourt, jun., esq., elected for Marlborough.—April 4th, Lord Sidmouth makes his last speech in Parliament, being against the 3rd reading of Catholic Relief Bill, which was carried by 213 for and 104 against.—Died, Sarah, widow of Wm. Adlam, esq., aged 99.—Oct. 18th. Died, aged 73, James Gent, esq.—Nov. 29. The Duke of Gloucester visits Erlestoke.—Dec. Heavy snows about Devizes.

1830. Jan. 19. Road to Marlboro' impassable from snow.—June 2. The Rev. Robert Hall preached at the Presbyterian Chapel.—26. Wm. Tanner, esq., of Lockeridge, sailed on his colonising expedition to Swan River, with 50 labourers.—July 19th. Died, the Rev. James Biggs, Baptist Minister, aged 80; succeeded by the Rev. J. S. Brunce. August 2. Messrs. Pearce and W. Taylor re-elec. for the borough; Sir J. D. Astley & John Benett for the county. T. B. Macaulay for Calne.—17. County meeting at Devizes to congratulate the King on his accession.—21.—Married, T. H. S. Estcourt, esq., M.P., to Lucy Sarah, daughter of Admiral Frank Sotheron, M.P., of Kirklington. Oct. 23-4-5. The Duchess of Kent and Princess Victoria at Erlestoke, where Lord and Lady Sidmouth, the borough and county members, the mayor, Tom Moore, &c., by invitation met them.—Dec. Mr. H. Hunt, elected for Preston, defeating Lord Stanley, afterward Earl of Derby.—In the autumn of 1830 serious riots broke out in Wiltshire, by agricultural labourers, owing to the scarcity of labour, which was supposed to have been caused by the introduction of machinery in agricultural operations. On the rioters approaching Devizes, the promptest measures were taken by the Mayor of the town and other magistrates, who swore in as special constables, almost every ablebodied man in the town and neighbourhood. A large number of machines were destroyed, and various ricks and barns set on fire. The Devizes troop of Yeomanry being called out, marched to Woodborough, and charging the rioters they succeeded in capturing upwards of sixty prisoners, who were brought to Devizes, and on the morrow committed to the Assizes for trial. This, effectually quelled the riots. Considerable alarm was excited by a report that the cloth weavers from Bradford and Trowbridge were to meet at Warminster, and marching thence effect a junction with the rioters at Devizes, and then demolish the prison. A special commission was appointed for the counties of Berks, Hants, and Wilts. and the prisoners were tried at Salisbury and punished by transportation or imprisonment. During this year the Duchess of Kent, with the Princess (afterward Queen) Victoria, arrived at Devizes on the way to Erlestoke Park, and changed horses at the Bear Hotel.

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1831.—A requisition from 40 householders for a public meeting to support the Grey (Reform) ministry, being refused by the mayor (John North), Messrs. B. and G. Anstie, Tilby, Waylen, Fowler, Heard, Saunders, Wall, Bullock, Armstrong, and Giddings, called it in their own names, for the 2nd Feb., when Mr. Waylen filled the chair; Messrs. Locke, Anstie, Wall, Knight, and Heard, taking part in it. At the dissolution, by the King, of the then refractory Parliament in April, the same gentlemen called a second public meeting to address the Crown in support of reform, when Mr. Locke occupied the chair: Mr. Scott, J.P., Col. Napier, Messrs. C. L. Phipps, R. Waylen, B. Anstie, Cunnington, Armstrong, and Fowler, spoke to resolutions. Col. Napier's speech was an "event" in our borough history, and has been pronounced the most eloquent he ever delivered.—General Election. Messrs. Pearce and Taylor, Tories, re-elected by the corporation, for the borough; Messrs. Benett, and Astley for the county.—Sept. 16. First annual meeting of the Wilts Anti-Slavery Society, W. Locke in the chair.—21. Reform Bill passed the Commons. To strengthen the hands of ministers in the Lords, public meetings were everywhere held: that at Devizes at the Bear, on the 30th, when Robert Waylen was called to the chair, who made another stirring speech, followed by Wadham Locke, Col. Napier, B. Anstie, W. B. Cartwright, S. Whitchurch, H. Saunders, and A. Armstrong.—Oct. 28. Great county meeting for the same object held in the Market-place, the High Sheriff presiding, the Earls of Suffolk and Radnor, Sir A. Malet, Sir J. D. Astley, Colonel Napier, Captain Bouverie, Messrs. G. P. Scrope, Fulwar Craven, W. Locke, H. Joy, H. Napier, and J. Awdry, speakers.—A counter declaration to the resolutions of this meeting was signed by 111 "proprietors and inhabitants of the county," including 8 peers, and 9 magistrates, most of the old close corporate bodies, clergymen, tenants of the above, &c.—Oct. 29, 30, 31. Sanguinary Bristol riots and fire —Nov. 16. Banquet given by Devizes reformers to the Marquis of Lansdowne, the High Sheriff in the chair. C. L. Phipps, vice; an eloquent speech from Moore.

1832.—Feb. 1st. Mr. S. Watson Taylor attained his majority; great festivities at Erlestoke.—April 16. Devizes Dispensary founded.—May 7. Ministry defeated in the Lords.—14th. Earl Grey resigned. —15th. Public reform meeting at the Bear, Mr. Locke in the chair.—Earl Grey recalled by the King.—Reform Bill passed the Lords June 4; received royal assent, 7th. July 31. "Reform Festival" on the Green, Dr. Brabant in the chair; the procession numbered 1600, 106 being horsemen, 72 of whom bore banners; the company (upwards of 1200) occupied 8 tables, eac 150 feet long. The evening closed by fireworks and an (almost) general illumination. Messrs. Locke and Gore invited to stand for the first Reformed Parliament.—Aug. 9. Admiral Sir Phillip Durham, C.B., who had offered himself as a third candidate for the borough, entered the town with Sir Theophilus Lee, Captain Tayler, Lieuts. Budd and Gleeson, and a numerous cavalcade.—10th.

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Southbroom Church re-opened, after extensive enlargement, by Arch. Macdonald and Rev. A. Smith, the incumbent.—Nov. 14th. Mr. Edridge, candidate, with Astley and Benett, for the new northern division of the county, addressed the electors of this locality at the Bear; Mr. Waylen, the only opposing speaker, replied in support of the other candidates.—Dec. 10. Borough Election, Dr. Headley proposed and Mr. Waylen seconded Wadham Locke; Mr. Hughes proposed and Mr. B. Anstie seconded Montague Gore; Capt. Tayler proposed and Mr. J. Hayward seconded Sir Phillip Durham: Locke, 216; Gore, 166; Durham, 94.—15th. North Wilts Election: Methuen, 1835; Astley, 1683; Edridge, 403.—24th. Devizes election dinner at the Bear, Mr. Hughes in the chair; speeches by Dr. Headley, Messrs. Cartwright, G. W. Anstie, R. Waylen, &c.—During the Reform struggle, a humorous, though in some respects an offensively personal, pasquinade, in the form of a "Tragi-comedy," was published in periodical issues under Tory auspices, in ridicule of the principal local actors, whose sobriquets were—"Capt. Mainstay," Captain Tayler; "Falstaff Raleigh," B. Anstie; "Montesquet Vestris," Montagu Gore; "Malaga Vintner," Edw. Ings; "Yankee Raleigh," George W. Anstie, "Culvert Raleigh," J. O. Anstie; "Captain Bee," Lieut. Budd; "Analysis Calomel," J. T. Heard; "Admiral Dee," Sir P. Durham; "Cicero Splitfig," E. Sedgfield; "Goliah Weathercock," T. Scott, J.P.; "Hookey Bone-dust," Peter Walker; "Hotspur Treasure-trove," M. Hazeland; "Mr. Key," W. Locke, "Inigo Lansdowne," W. B. Cartwright; "Hugo Dotage," W. Hughes; "Latitat Leatherhead," J. W. Wall; "Quotation Gazette," G. Simpson: "Quixote Leach," J. Fowler; "Rotunda Tricolor," E. Waylen; "Rufus Dividend," J. Armstrong; "Vulcanus Emery," S. Whitchurch; "Stratford Waterproof," W. Shakspeare,; "Scriblerus Cue," C. T. Sartain; "Momus Ducat" H. Saunders, sen.; "Maccaroni Mastiff," C. Hook; "Black Diamond Dip" J. Randell; "Adonis Tarpot," J. Gregory; Alienus Gabble," R. Gaby.—This year the withdrawal of Watson Taylor from Erlestoke was attended by a sale of the costly furniture, works of art, &c., of that superbly-appointed establishment, which occupied many days, and was most numerously attended.—Thomas Hill, esq., rebuilt Hillworth-house.

1833—In May, the Rev. E. J. Phipps succeeded to the rectorship, void by Mr. Lediard's death, on the presentation of the Lord Chancellor.—28th Mr. Estcourt, sen., res. the Recordership, to which Mr. Ludlow Bruges succeede.—July 22. Meeting to found a Mechanics' Institution, the Mayor chairman, supported by Captain Tayler, Messrs. Estcourt (who delivered the inagural lecture), Salmon, Waylen, P. Anstie, Rev. C. Lucas, &c., who each contributed liberally to start it.—Sunday evening services commenced at St. John's.—Died, Mrs. Crook, in her 103rd year.—Aug. 20. Bible Society anniversary meeting, Mr. Locke in the chair; the new rector takes part in it.—Sep. 8. St. John's first lighted with gas. 23-24. Roundway Races, C. B. Reynolds clerk of the course; grand

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ball.—Oct. 17. Rowde church re-opened after repairs.—23rd. Theatre opened by Davenport.—28th. Died in London, Samuel A. G. Bayntun, aged 27.—30th. 20 of the Devizes beat 20 of the Malmesbury Yeomanry in the sword exercise in the Market-place.—Oct. 12. Davenport, after a fair but brief Fall season here, opened the Andover theatre for the winter.—17th. New room opened by Literary and Scientific Institution in High-street.—Nov. 14. Died, at Rowdeford, Sarah, 2nd daughter of W. Locke, M.P.—Petition for the removal of Assize-courts to Devizes numerously signed.

1834—Feb. 4. Second sessions of the Reformed Parliament opened.—9. Mr. Chas. Pearson visited Devizes to ascertain whether (as was alleged) Mr. Gore's supporters were "dissatisfied with him," and was assured by them that they "were *not*."—10. Writ ordered for the return of a member in the room of Mr. Gore, who had accepted the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds.—11. Adm. Durham arrives, and commences an active canvass. Messrs. G. W. Anstie and Whitchurch wait on Sir J. C. Hobhouse to invite his candidature, for which however there is no time, as on the 17th the nomination took place. when on a show of hands the Admiral was declared elected.—Apr. 1. Mr. Meek elected clerk to the magistrates of the division, in the room of Mr. Ings.—9. In answer to the requisition of 200 property holders, a public meeting, the Mayor presiding, was held to promote the removal of one of the Assizes to Devizes; speeches by Adm. Durham, W. Locke, C. Trinder, G. E. Sloper, J. W. Wall, T. B. Smith, and the Rev. T. A. Methuen. It being stated that £10,000 would be required, Admiral Durham promised £500; then or soon afterwards was added by Messrs. P. Methuen, Sir J. Astley, W. Locke, J. Fuller, J. Neeld, R. G. Long, J. Pearce, and the Marquis of Lansdowne, £200 each; by the Earl of Suffolk and Sir J. C. Hobhouse £100 each; by Sir F. Burdett, Gen. Popham, Colonel Olivier, Rev. T. A. Methuen, R. Waylen, Col. Warneford, J. E. A. Sharky, J. Tilby, W. Salmon, G. E. Sloper, W. Hughes, B. Hall, and Col. Hicks, £50 each; A. Goddard £40; and other subscriptions ranging from £30 downwards. Influential town and country committees having been appointed, the amount was soon made up to £6350: the new building and site cost £7157, and the balance was completed by a county rate.—18th. Southbroom National Schools opened.—May 2. Chippenham New Market-house opened.—June 5. Meeting of the "Labourers' Friend Society." Arch Macdonald in the chair; returns from Mr. Estcourt, Col. Olivier, Rev. T. A. Methuen, Mr. Waylen, and Lord Churchill's agent, on whose lands the small allotment system had been adopted, exhibited the best results.—8. Mar. of W. H. Ludlow Bruges, esq., the Recorder, to Agnes, dau. of Capt. Penruddocke.—A sharp public correspondence between the Rev. Messrs. Lucas and Elliott, for and against the union of church and state.—Aug. 1. Abolition of slavery in the West Indies; a strong feeling in favour of the measure having been manifested at Devizes (as elsewhere) and public meetings held under the auspices of the Wilts Anti-

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Slavery society.—12th. Devizes and North Wilts Races on Roundway Hill.—Sept. 29. Mr. J. S. Clark, the last of the close corporation mayoralty appointments, sworn into office.—Dec. 5. Mar. in London, of Henry Hunt, jun., to Katherine, dau. of the late Col. Vince, of Cliffe-hall.

1835. Died at Nonsuch-house, aged 65, James Norris, esq., the last of his race.—Feb. Died, Henry Hunt, sen., aged 62.—General Election. An exciting contest between the Hon. Philip Pleydell Bouverie (Whig) and Adm. Durham. At the nomination (Jan. 5) R. Biggs proposed and G. E. Sloper seconded Mr. Locke; Captain Taylor proposed and H. Butcher, sen., seconded Admiral Durham; Wm. Hughes proposed and B. Anstie seconded Mr. Bouverie: Locke, 240; Durham, 154; Bouverie, 96.—August 8. Moore receives intelligence from the Marquis of Lansdowne of a pension granted him by the King of £300 a year.—The assizes first held in Devizes; great cavalcade of horsemen and procession of inhabitants to meet the judges.—Oct. 21. Died, Wadham Locke, M.P. 128 electors invite Thomas Estcourt, jun., to stand for Devizes.—Nov. 9. Henry Saunders, esq., the first Mayor under the Corporation Reform Act, sworn into office. The first aldermen chosen were Dr. Brabant. John William Wall, Robt. Waylen, Thomas J. Heard, William Cunnington, and Richard Biggs. The borough officers were: Town Clerk, William Salmon; recorder, W. H. L. Bruges; chamberlains, Paul Anstie and William Tanner; clerk of the peace, Wm. Salmon; clerk to the justices, George W. Anstie; coroner, C. F. Sartain.—24th. Borough Election. J. Hayward proposed and J. Crockett seconded Mr. Estcourt, of New Park; Dr. Brabant proposed and R. Waylen, sec., Capt. J. W. D. Dundas, of Barton-court: Estcourt, 157; Dundas, 145.—Married, F. A. S. Locke, of Rowdeford, esq., 2nd son of the late Wadham Locke, to Katharine Harriet, eldest daughter of Captain Sir Thomas Fellowes, K.C.B., of Leigh-house.

1836. Feb. 10. Admiral Durham having retired from the representation of the borough, Capt. Dundas was elected in his place.—Devizes Union Workhouse built.—In pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act, Mr. Paul Anstie and his brother Chamberlain drew up and published an historical abstract of the finances of the borough, preliminary to the adoption of a series of able measures having for their object the liquidation of the old debt and the future solvency of the corporation.

1837. "Wiltshire Independent," started Jan. 3. Anti Church rate public meeting, G. W. Anstie, esq., in the chair: formation of the "Devizes Church-rate Abolition Society."—Mr. Estcourt, sen. having resigned the chairmanship of the quarter sessions, held by him for 30 years, Mr. Ludlow Bruges was elected in his place.—9th. A Conservative club, called the "Constitutional Association," formed, George Giddings and Henry Butcher, jun., secretaries.—25th.—Sir J. C. Hobhouse commences tenancy at Erlestoke.—April 18th Mar. of G. P. Jervois, esq., to Anne Maria Selina, eldest daughter of the late W. Locke, esq.—Mr. Frederick Harris elected coroner, vice C. F.

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Sartain, deceased.—May 11. Wool market fully re-established.—June. Rev. J. Medlicott succeeds to the Vicarage of Potterne.—June 20. Accession of Queen Victoria.—July 24th. Devizes Election: Mr. T. H. Sotheron Estcourt and Captain Dundas returned without opposition.—Aug. 3rd. County Election: Walter Long proposed by Major Olivier, sec. by J. L. Phillips; Sir F. Burdett pro. by W. Heneage, sec. by T. Bruges; P. Methuen pro. by C. L. Phipps. sec. by T. Saunders. B., 1756; L. 1499; M., 1402.—Remarkably mild Christmas, glass at 60 deg. This year Mr. T. H. S. Estcourt removed from New-park to Bowden-park.

1838. March 24. Devizes Election, consequent on Capt. Dundas's acceptance of Clerkship of the Ordnance; Dundas 109, G. W. Heneage 102.—March 12. and all the week. Sale of effects at Southbroom-house, Mr. Salmon removing to London.—May 14. Rev. B. C. Dowding ins. to Southbroom—June 28 Coronation day; public festivities, mayor (Mr. Heard) in the chair. 29th W. Salmon resigned the Town Clerkship, to which Mr. Meek was appointed.—July 17. Coronation ball.—Oct. Capt. Dundas being unseated on petition, Mr. Heneage took his place. A superb service of plate was presented to the former by his Devizes supporters.—Salem (Baptist) Chapel built.

1839. Jan. 26th. Anti-Corn-law repeal public meeting at the Castle Inn, C. L. Phipps, esq.. in the chair.—Feb. 7. Died, Adm. Southeron.—March 16. Great "national convention of Chartists at Crown and Anchor, London, Mr. Frost in the chair; A public meeting of the same fraternity in Devizes, on the 22nd March, followed by another in the Market-place, April 1st, which was dispersed by the mob.—9th. Rev. A. Manning succeeded Mr. Mayo, as chaplain of the New Prison.—Dec. 21. Lord John Russell and his three children arrived on a visit to Sloperton.

1840. Feb. 10. Public festivities on occasion of the Queen's marriage.—March. New Park purchased by Edward Colston, Esq., of Filkins-hall, Oxfordshire.—June 8. The old St. Mary's Chapel Union Club dissolved; £400 divided amongst the members.—Great teetotal meeting, addresses from the Rev. Messrs. Lucas, Elliott, &c.—13th. "Wilts Topographical Society" formed, G. P. Scrope, Esq., in the chair.—26th. County meeting at the Town-hall to congratulate the Queen on her marriage, the high sheriff in the chair.—A Roman pavement at Bromham unearthed.—Nov. Died, Major-General William Hull, to whose memory his widow erected a fine tablet in St. Mary's Church.

1841. Jan. 14. Great inundation at Shrewton, resulting in an unprecedented destruction of property: to repair which, so lavish were the contributions of a sympathising public, that a handsome balance was left in the committee's hands for investment on behalf of the sufferers, many of whom were actually gainers by the flood.—April. Rev. W. Withington chosen pastor of the Old Baptist

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Chapel.—May 31st. The Great Western Railway opened to Chippenham.—Mr. Meek bought Hillworth-house and park of Mr. Hall, who left Devizes.—June 30. Borough Election; T. H S. Estcourt and G. W. Heneage returned without opposition.—July 9. Sir F. Burditt and W. Long returned f r North Wilts.—Service of plate presented to Dr. Dyke on his leaving Devizes for Corsham.—Oct. 31st. Died, at his residence in the Market-place, Mr. Robert Waylen, aged 70, the last clothier of the town, and, by common consent, in his day its greatest benefactor. Mr. Waylen had at one time employed over 1000 workpeople, to the principal of whom he bequeathed legacies of from £20 to £50 each, besides £100 to the Bible Society, and £100 to the London Missionary Society.—17-18-19. Sale at Broadleas, consequent on Mr. J. Tylee's departure, whose estate was bought by the Rev. W. Maskell.—24th. County meeting to congratulate the Queen on the birth of the Prince of Wales, the high sheriff in the chair.

1842. Jan. Great public celebration in honour of the Prince's birth.—19th. Died, at Everleigh-house, Sir J. D. Astley, many years one of the county members—Lord and Lady Palmerston visited Bowood.—May. Much popular excitement at the enclosure by Mr. Colston of the favourite public resort, "Sheep-Wash Dell," which was objected to both on the grounds of the deprivation suffered and the illegality of the act.—July 28. Sir F. Burdett presided at the annual wool market dinner, many notabilities present.—Aug. 12. Mr. Salmon resigned the office of Clerk of the Peace for the borough; Mr. C Hulbert elected thereto.—Oct. Young Tom Moore, who had sold his commission in India, obtained this autumn a lieutenancy in the French service. Poor fellow! from bad to worse was the consequence. Writing from Algiers soon after his arrival, he tells his father he was "twenty times worse off than he was in India;" and so it proved, for, with a delicate frame, Algiers ere long proved his grave.—Nov. 9th The Conservatives having succeeded in the complete recovery of the reins of municipal government, had elected Mr Crockett, sen., to the mayoralty, who this day, with the town council, in full official robes bedight, attended by all the ancient symbols of office (which had been laid aside for 7 years), went in procession to St. John's Church, as formerly, where they were entertained by a strong political sermon from Mr. Phipps, the rector, from Jer. xxx, 21-2, which was followed by a sumptuous banquet in the Town-hall.—Nov. 23. Died at Sloperton, John Russell Moore, second son of the poet, aged 19.—Dec. 5. Died, Valentine Leach, Esq., for some years alderman of the borough, aged 66.—26th. Died, Mr. James Randell, coal merchant, &c., an ex-councilman, greatly respected for integrity and public spirit.

1843. Jan. 14. Fire in New Park-street; over £100 raised by public subscription for the sufferers.—April 25. Subscription opened for the repair and restoration of St. John's chancel and side chapels.—Aug. 23. Marlborough College opened; Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, principal.

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1844. Jan. 23. Died, Sir F. Burdett, M.P. for N. Wilts, aged 74.—Feb. 7. Corn Law meeting at the Bear Hotel. Mr. George Brown, chairman; and formation of the "North Wilts Agricultural Protection Society."—11th. Devizes Election. Col. Olivier proposed and H. Butcher seconded Mr. Bruges; Paul Anstie proposed and James Waylen seconded Mr. Christopher Temple: B., 202; T., 67. An objection was taken to the return of Mr. Bruges, on the ground of his filling the Recordership, which he resigned, and Mr. H. A. Merewether was appointed in his place.—10th. Mr. Edridge, who had accepted an invitation to stand for North Wilts, withdrew, and Mr. T. S. Estcourt was elected without opposition.—15th. Died, Lord Viscount Sidmouth, aged 87; succeeded in his title, &c., by his son, the Rev. Leonard Sidmouth, born 1794, father of the late M.P. for Devizes.—21st. Great Anti-Corn-law meeting of 6,000 at Covent Garden, Devizes deputies present. —May 25th. Bustard Inn burnt down.—28th. Pig show at the Elm Tree Inn.—Oct. 16th. St. John's Church re-opened.—Nov. 1. Mr. S. W. Taylor, after 12 years' absence from Wilts, visits his family estates. Met at Cheverell by his tenants, and received a congratulatory address from them; Erlestoke, Tinhead, and Edington illuminated, triumphal arches, feastings, &c., &c.

1845. Feb. 15th. Hon. Sidney Herbert, made Secretary of War, re-elected for South Wilts.—March 26th. Grievance meeting at the Town-hall, to protest against the Rector's ritual innovations. Principal protesters: Messrs. Lucas, A. Smith, Meek, J. Young, W. Waylen, G. Sainsbury, Burt, Crockett, Wall, Giddings, Dr. Everett, &c.—April 2. Died, at Naples, Admiral Sir P. C. H. Durham, aged 82.—9th. Anti-Maynooth meeting at the Town-hall, Mr. H. Butcher, chairman.—10th. Wilts Horticultural Society formed, Mr. Colston president.—June 10th. On Villiers' motion in the Commons for the total repeal of the Corn-laws, defeated by 254 against 132, both Devizes members voted adversely.—Nov. 10th. A contest for the mayoralty between John Baily and Joseph Burt, resulted in the latter's election by a majority of 2.

1846. Feb. 2nd. Numerously attended Protectionist meeting at the Castle.—Died, at Dublin, Ellen Moore, the poet's last surviving sister. A few weeks after he received intelligence of his son's death at Algiers. "The last of our five children (records his diary) is now gone, and we are left desolate and alone! Not a single relative have I now left me in the world."—March 29th. Destructive fire at Mr. Cooke's, Stert Farm.—June 25. Corn-law Abolition Bill passed the Lords; next day it received the royal assent.

1847. March 9. Fire at Mr. Mundy's and Miss Hazeland's, Long-street.—21st. Public meeting at the Castle Inn to promote the cultivation of flax; Mr. G. Brown, chairman.—Feb. 9-10. Rev. Dr. Wolff, the converted Jew, lectured at the Town-hall.—March. Rev. C. Stanford became pastor of the New Baptist church, in the room of the Rev. J. S. Bunce, resigned.—April 9. Death by acci-

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dental drowning, of Mr. Colston of Roundway-park, aged 52.—May 3. First County Court under the Small Debts Act, before J. G. Smith, Esq.—6th, H. K. Norris, elec. borough coroner, vice J. Slade, res.—June 4. Police introduced into the borough. — 28th. Devizes Election: Heneage and Bruges returned without opposition.—July 29th. Sharp election contest at Westbury between Wilson and Higgins: W., 170; H., 149.—Aug. 5th. Walter Long and T. H. S. Estcourt ret. without opposition for North Wilts.—27. Dr. Brabant leaves Devizes for Bath.—Oct. 24. Brilliant aurora borealis visible here.—Nov. 21. Meeting of High Church clergy of the Archdeaconry adverse to the appointment of Dr. Hampton to the see of Hereford.—29th. Presentation of plate and complimentary address to Mr. Reynolds, sen., from St. Mary's parishioners for long public services; dinner at the Castle.

1848. Feb. Counter-address to Bishop Hampton from the Low Church clergy, headed by Rev. Messrs Hastings, Bleeck, Manning, E. Wilton, &c., &c.—8th. Public meeting, mayor presiding, against the window tax.—16th. Birth of Lady C. Taylor's daughter.—25th. Mr. Bruges resigning his seat for Devizes, Lieut.-Col. James B. Estcourt (Tory) was elected, without opposition. "My early life (he said) was spent at New Park, near this town; it was there my infancy, my childhood, my boyhood, were passed; we all know how quick are the affections of childhood."—March. Major Henry C. Schomberg vigorously advocates the cultivation of flax; some public meetings in relation thereto.

1849. Obedient to a requisition from many farmers for a public meeting to consider the "agricultural and industrial distress," the High Sheriff presided at one in the Market-place on the 30th, at which the principal speakers were Messrs. S. Mills, Bethell, Halcomb, Smith, Maton, Williams of Baydon, and William Sainsbury, on behalf of reverting to a corn-tax: Sidney Herbert, M.P., G. W. Heneage, M.P., T. S Estcourt, M.P., J. B. Estcourt, M.P., Cole and Sinclair, adverse; much excitement, some offensive personalities.—May 25th. Grand temperance fete at Rood Ashton.—June 14. A "Farmers' and Tradesmen's Political Club" (Tory and Prot.) formed at the Castle, by Messrs. Norris, Grant, Wentworth, Ferris, H. Hayward, &c.—Sept. 13th. Procession of "Oddfellows," Rev. R. Elliott preached before them at the Congregational Chapel.—St. James's Church re-opened, after embelishment of chancel; Dr. Caswall preached.

1850. Feb. 6. Great Protectionist meeting at Swindon, Earl Stanhope in the chair.—13th. An exciting case of trespass against a Dr. Johnson, before the Under Sheriff's court, for removing obstructions to public roads and footpaths on the Erlestoke estate; damages, one farthing.—24th. Great protectionist meeting and dinner in the Shambles, Walter Long chairman; G. F. Young, Neeld, &c., speakers; 600 diners.—June 17. Presentation of plate and public dinner to Mr. Robert

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Cole.—Dec. 6. Great county meeting to protest against Papal aggression in the erection of England into an ecclesiastical province under a Cardinal Primate, held in the Market-house, Mr. Ludlow, High Sheriff, in the chair; principal speakers, Sidney Herbert, Sir John Awdry, Dean of Salisbury, Richard P. Long, Ravenhill, Revs. J. H. Johnson, Hastings, Barne, Elliott, T. Methuen, Guthrie, &c. The meeting refused to give Mr. Phipps, the rector, a hearing, from the obnoxiousness of his "high church" views and practices.—Rev. Wm. Maskell joins the Roman Catholic body; sells Broadleas to W. Ewart, M.P.

1851. Jan. A memorial adverse to the Rev. E. J. Phipps, signed by 36 parishioners, and one by his sympathisers with 312 signatures, presented to the Bishop; great ferment between the pro and anti-Phipps parties in the two parishes.—Feb. Screw steam-tug commenced running between Devizes and Hungerford.—April. Census taken: St John's 1,874; St. James's, 1,829; Rowde (within the boro') 198; total 6,554.—Aug. Admiral Taylor visits the town, and lectures before the Literary and Scientific Institution. Sept. 19. County Lunatic Asylum opened; Dr. Thurnam appointed medical superintendent.—Oct. 10. Rick fires at Bishop Cannings.—The severity of the weather prompted extra benevolence this Christmas, on the part of Mrs. Colston, Lord Broughton, Mr. S. Watson Taylor, Canon Fisher, Mr. Nisbet, Mrs. Meek, &c.

1852.—Jan. 4. An alteration in the order of morning service by the Rector was followed by the abrupt withdrawal of part of the congregation. First No. issued of the "Devizes Miscellany," a fourpenny bi-monthly publication "by a Council of friends." The Miscellany lived a year only.—The Rev. Henry Barne on leaving Seend, received a silver salver and address from the parishioners.—Feb. A dead body, apparently some 40 years buried, exhumed behind Mr. Long's in the Market-place, its appearance and position warranting the suspicion of "a foul deed concealed from human ken."—26th. Died, at Sloperton Cottage, in his 73rd year, Thomas Moore, poet, biographer, historian, and patriot. He was buried in the family vault in Bromham churchyard on the following 4th March; one mourning coach only, in which were Mr. Longman his publisher, Dr. Brabant, Mr. Kenrick, surgeon, and the Rev. H. Drury, of Bremhill, followed his honoured remains.—March 8. Cornet Heneage, heir of G. W. Heneage, coming of age, great festivities at Compton Bassett, Cherhill and Lyneham.—Apr. 9. New Baptist Chapel in Sheep-street opened; £180 collected at the doors; the total cost was £2,600.—Dr. Wilkinson instituted vicar of West Lavington.—July. Gen. Estcourt retiring, Captain Gladstone was elected in his place.—House in Long-street (No. 17) destroyed by fire, and Mrs. Pearce, the inmate, burnt to death.—Mr. Hook, a Devizes man (of Tovil-mills, Maidstone) invents wheat-straw paper.—Dec. 26th. Dreadful hurricane, and much damage done to trees, &c.

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1853.—Jan. Sidney Herbert returned for S. Wilts.—30th. Rev. W. Jay resigned Argyle Chapel, Bath, being the close of his 64th year of connection therewith.—Feb. 10. Completing 50 years of his pastorate, the Rev. R. Elliott received from his flock a silver salver and £200. His death followed on the 18th of the same month.—27th. Mr. Norris appointed Clerk of the County Court in the room of Mr. M'Ghie.—April 19th. £200 subscribed by 320 of Mr. Geo. Brown's admirers for a testimonial, which was this day presented to him at the Bear, followed by a public dinner.—26th. Testimonial to John Glass at the Elm Tree.—June 15. Rev. W. Kingsland instituted pastor of the Congregational Church.—July 13. Great floods.—Aug. A dispute between the principal parishioners of Devizes and the Rector, the immediate cause of which was a sermon on the "real presence" preached by Mr. Morton the curate, in the previous Nov. (of which sermon complaint was made to the bishop, which was followed by a suit in the Arches Court, and an inhibition forbidding Mr. M. to officiate) culminated on Sunday Aug. 14, when the church doors of St. Mary's were locked against him by the churchwardens, and the Rev. A. Smith took the duty at Saint John's.—Mr. Phipps having a few days before accepted the living of Stansfield; to which, without the opportunity of preaching a farewell sermon, the rev. gentlemen hastily betook himself. Divided as were his late parishioners regarding his doctrinal teaching and ritualistic innovations, his well-directed efforts in furthering the material interests of the borough were duly acknowledged in the shape of resolutions of thanks from different parochial and other public bodies. Mr. Phipps was suc. in the rectorship by the Rev. P. A. L. Wood, late vic. of Littleton, Mid.—12th. Formation and first public meeting of the "Wilts Archæological and Natural History Society," by Lord Lansdowne, Messrs. T. Estcourt, P. Scrope, Merewether, Meek, Canon Jackson, Tugwell, J. Waylen, W. Cunnington, E. Kite, &c. Lord Lansdowne patron, P. Scrope, chairman, W. Cunnington, Devizes sec.—16th. Died, N. E. Sloper, Esq., of Eastcroft-house, aged 61.—Mr. Alf. Alexander appointed Governor of the New Prison. (The previous appointments had been as follows: 1816. Thomas Rickward; 1817, Thomas Brutton; 1820, William Brutton; 1823, Edmund Cocks; 1825, Thomas Haywood.)—Mr. Estcourt removed from Bowden-Park to Estcourt, Tetbury.

1854.—The lamented death of Bishop Denison, after a short illness, was followed by the appointment of Walter Kerr Hamilton, who was enthroned Bishop of Salisbury, May 14.—This year was barren of local incident. There were a few cases of Asiatic cholera in the county. In August an affray took place between the military here quartered and the townspeople, when Mr. John Fowler was shot by the former, but he happily recovered.—Archæology reaped a signal triumph in the complete success of the associated effort of the previous year. The society then formed, having made a rich collection of curiosities, held its first annual meeting in Salisbury, Sept. 13, 14, and 15, Sidney Herbert in the chair, at which Poulett Scrope, Mr. Lukis (hon. sec). the Lord Bishop, Canon

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Jackson, and the Rev. A. Fane, took a prominent part, and the since familiar programme of "paper" reading, museum, excursions, and *conversazione*, was duly inaugurated.—Nov. died, much lamented and greatly esteemed. the Rev. C. Lucas, poet and novelist, many years curate of Devizes, aged 84.—26th, Mr. Merewether bought Bowden Park.

1855.—Early closing movement, commenced in 1853, renewed, with partial success.—Jan. 24. Died at the Crimea, General James Estcourt, universally and deeply lamented.—Feb. 8th. St. Mary's Church re-opened after restoration and improvement.—August 24. Died the Rev. George Edmonstone, the popular and benevolent vicar of Potterne, aged 91.—Sept. 3. Meeting at Town-hall to establish a county Reformatory at Warminster, Lord Lansdowne in the chair. Dec. 20. Public meeting to promote the erection of a Corn Exchange.

1856. A memorial praying for the entire removal of the Assizes from Salisbury to Devizes, signed by 50 magistrates, 30 clergy, and 100 professional gentlemen.—May 22. At a public meeting in the Town-hall, for securing the completion of the direct Western Railway, by extending the line hence to Hungerford, the Marquis of Ailesbury in the chair, Mr. Burt submitted Mr. James Waylen's proposed line, which would have taken Marlborough in its course, and been a more level, direct, a shorter, and less expensive route than the one submitted by the agents of the indirect Great Western Railway. The chairman, Lord E. Bruce, and others expressed their unequivocal preference for it; and as the object of the other was to make the passage through Devizes subordinate to that from Exeter through Westbury, it was, after an animated discussion, agreed to adjourn the meeting. The ultimate result of this attempt to prevent the proposed line from being made "subsidiary, abortive, and secondary to the 'main' line through Swindon," is now before the public.—On the same day public rejoicings were held in celebration of the Peace Treaty with Russia: a lengthened procession through the town, with three bands of music; grand *feaux de joi* by the Yeomanry Cavalry and Militia; public luncheon in the Town-hall and Market-house; "rural ball" in a monster tent on the Green, and fireworks in the Market-place.—June. "Wilts Archæological Magazine" commenced.—August. Centenary meeting of the Bear Club charity, the Bishop of Salisbury presiding.—Militia Stores built; cost £6,300; architect, T. H. Wyatt; builder, Mr. Davis, Frome.

1857. March. General Election. T. H. Estcourt and W. Long unopposed in the county. For the borough there were three candidates: S. W. Taylor, Capt. Gladstone, and C. D. Griffith. The contest produced a temporary split in the ranks of both parties, Mr. Griffith's real politics not being known. Taylor 229, Griffith 158, Gladstone 119.—June 14. Rev. W. Kingsland commenced open-air preaching at Drews-pond-Lane; 800 present.—July 1. Great Western Railway opened to Devizes.

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Oct. 9. Public meeting to express sympathy and afford aid to the sufferers by the Indian mutiny.—Russian gun received and placed with public ceremony, at the Market-cross, from whence it was afterwards removed to its present position in front of the Town Hall.—Nov. 23. First number of Gillman's "Devizes Public Register" published.—Dec. 3. The new Corn Exchange completed (at a cost of £3,500) and was opened with a public dinner. Towards the cost of the building the Members of Parliament for the borough gave £200 each; Mr. Watson-Taylor gave the gas fittings and Mr. C. Darby Griffith the statue of Ceres and the clock. The architect was Mr. W. Hill, of Leeds, and the builder, Mr. James Randell, Devizes.

1858. July. Lectures at the Town Hall, by Dr. Cumming, against popery. In this summer the Rev. Mr. Wood inaugurated measures for the restoration and enlargement of St. John's Church.—August, the removal of a large number of old tombstones from St. John's and St. Mary's churchyards by order of the Rector and Mr. Tugwell, was strongly objected to by Mr. Henry Waylen, and others, and the question of the legal proprietorship was raised. It was eventually settled adversely to the Rector. Sept.—Court "Dolphin," Foresters, first-started at the White Hart Inn.—Oct.—An accident befel Mr. Watson-Taylor while sporting. His companion, the Rev. Mr. Mayow, accidentally lodged the charge from his gun in Mr. Taylor's eye. The Rev. S. S. Pugh succeeded the Rev. Dr. Stamford at the New Baptist Chapel.—Dec. Mr. Estcourt sold the manor of Bishops Cannings to the Crown.

1859. Mr. Estcourt, M.P. for North Wilts, appointed Home Secretary. Penny Savings Bank established. April 5. Testimonial of silver tea service, bible, and clock, made to the Rev. T. A. Methuen, at the Town Hall; 500 subscribers.—Devizes Borough election. Result. Gladstone, 171, Griffith, 167, (returned), Taylor, 148. North Wilts Election, Messrs. W. Long and T. Sotheron Estcourt returned unopposed.—June 3. Public meeting for the formation of a Rifle corps for Devizes. As the result of this meeting a rifle corps was formed with the following staff. General Grubbe, captain; A. C. Cochrane, lieutenant; J. E. Hayward, ensign; G. Waylen, surgeon; H. G. Barrey, F. Anstie, W. Brown, C. Clarke, and H. Ward, sergeants; F. M. Lush, secretary; R. Maysmor, treasurer. Companies of "dismounted riflemen" were also raised at Devizes, Calne, Marlborough, and Melksham, in connection with the Yeomanry Cavalry.—Devizes Proprietary Grammar School started.—Oct. 3. Presentation of plate, &c., to Mr. R. Waylen, for lengthened voluntary services as hon. secretary of the Devizes Literary and Scientific Institution.—Nov. 3. Poultry Exhibition at Devizes, Mr. J. S. Sainsbury, secretary.—In the summer of this year Mr. C. H. Spurgeon preached in the Corn Exchange. The service was interrupted by a county magistrate, who challenged Mr. Spurgeon's right to exercise the office of preacher. The people promply expelled the intruder.

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1860. Jan. Wesleyan Chapel opened in New Park-street. 20th Meeting at Devizes in favour of the compulsory Church rate. This was followed on the 30th of the same month by a large demonstration in opposition to such rate. April 11. Execution at Devizes of Serafin Manzano, a Spaniard, for the murder of Anastasia Trowbridge, at Tollard Royal, on the 3rd of November, 1859. Four persons had previously been executed at this goal, viz., Edward Amor and John Goodman, 20th April, 1824, for assaulting and robbing Mr. T. Alexander, at All Cannings; George Maslen, 6th September, 1838, for shooting Mr. Bryan Rumbold, at Lyneham; and Rebecca Smith, 23rd August, 1849, for poisoning her children at Westbury. All of these, including Manzano's, were public executions, and many thousands of people flocked into the town to witness each of them, many unseemly scenes being witnessed, June 29.—Shocking murder of Francis Saville Kent, at Road. The murdered child was four years of age, and it was not for some long time that his sister, Constance, aged 15, was convicted of the crime, and sentenced to penal servitude for life. August 17. Bazaar in aid of the fund for restoring St. John's Church, Devizes, £234 being realised. Sept 24.—Volunteer Field Day at Bowood Park. Dec. 7.—An impostor calling himself "the Rev William Simpson," who had masqueraded as a clergyman at Rushall, performing religious offices, convicted for trial. He was subsequently sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, and for seven years' more for a similar offence in North Wales.—1860 was a very wet year, especially during the summer. There were only four dry days in June, and three in August. Many crops were totally lost.

1861.—January. Restoration of the Chancel of Bishops Cannings Church at Mr. Estcourt s expense. January 10th. The Right Hon. Sidney Herbert created Baron Herbert of Lea, in the County of Wilts. January 15th. Discovery of a skeleton during excavations on the line of the Berks and Hants Railway, at Pans Lane. The position of the skeleton, which was thought to be that of an aged female, and to have been buried some 20 years, left no doubt but that foul play had been committed. January 22nd. Inauguration, at a public meeting of farmers and graziers, of a Mutual Cattle Assurance Association for the district around Devizes. January 29th. Delivery, at the Town Hall, of a remarkable lecture by the Rev. C. J. Williams, antagonistic to the "Friend-in-Need Life Assurance and Sick Fund Friendly Society." The meeting was an animated one, the local agent, Mr. J. Colwell, being subjected to a somewhat hostile reception. February 14th. Election of Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Bathurst (unopposed) as member for the Southern Division of Wilts, in the place of the Rt. Hon. Sidney Herbert, on his elevation to the Peerage. February 25th. Sudden death of Mrs. Nisbet of Southbroom House. On the same date a stupid hoax was perpetrated on the people of Devizes by a false advertisement in two of the local papers, to the effect that there would be a grand display of fireworks on the Green, some hundreds

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of people assembling in vain. March 8th. Trial at Pewsey of Sarah Davies, a girl aged 15, charged with "wanton mischief," in the matter of breaking crockery, etc., at the house of an old lady, Miss Rolfe, of Upavon, Davies attributed the damage done to a "ghost," the tale creating a nine days' wonder at Upavon. March 9th. Destruction by fire of Savernake Lodge, the Marquis of Ailesbury's seat. April 9th. At the Wiltshire Sessions, on the motion of Lord Methuen, the following gentlemen were appointed as a Committee to consider the provision of better accommodation for the permanent staff at the Militia Stores and Buildings, Devizes:—Mr. Jacob, Mr. Ravenhill, Major Heathcote, Mr. John Locke, Major Prower, Mr. Groves, and the Rev. Preb. Lowther. During April a movement was set on foot for the presentation of a memorial to Mr. Stevens, proprietor and "whip" of the Aurora, running between Devizes and Salisbury. May 2nd. Great fire at Calne, a flax mill being destroyed, with the loss of one life. May 7. Mr. Sotheron Estcourt in the House of Commons, moved for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to require all friendly and insurance societies to render to every member thereof, a copy of their annual accounts. May 7th. Price of gas reduced by the Devizes Town Commissioners to 4s. 2d. per 1,000 feet. May 8th. Considerable fall of snow in the town. May 22nd. Death of Mr. Richard Biggs. May 22nd. Review of Royal Wilts Yeomanry Cavalry on Warminster Downs. During May a considerable discussion arose over the fact that the Devizes Board of Guardians refused permission for five ladies to visit the inmates of the Workhouse. This refusal aroused more than local attention, and was commented on in the London Press. June. Early in this month the "Seend Iron Company," with a capital of £100,000 in 20,000 shares, put out a prospectus for the purpose of obtaining shareholders. June 17. Fatal railway accident at a level crossing near Seend, a labourer, James Bryant, meeting his death. June 25th. First turf cut for the Branch Railway between Calne and Chippenham. July 25th. Vestry meeting to consider the renovation of St. John's Church, it being decided to apply to the Bishop for a faculty, such work only to be carried out as might be within the compass of the funds contributed. August 2nd. Death of Lord Herbert of Lea, at Wilton House, at the age of 51. September 17th and 18th. Meeting of the Wilts Rifle Association at Devizes. Sept. 24th. Jubilee Meetings of the Wiltshire Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. September 26th. Meeting at Salisbury to promote a memorial to the late Lord Herbert. October 14th. Opening of a new British School at Bromham. Early in November authority was given by Colonel Sir Henry James (of Her Majesty's Ordinance Survey Office) for the publication of the Wiltshire portion of the Domes-day Book. November 28th. Meeting at Willis's Rooms to promote a memorial to the late Lord Herbert. December 17th. Great mourning on the death of the Prince Consort.

1862. Jan. 14. Opening of Southbroom, rebuilt by R. P. Nisbet, Esq. Jan. 28. Opening of the new

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Church at Woodborough. In Feb. of this year a Roman Catholic Church was first opened in Devizes. During Feb. two fatal accidents took place in the district. On Feb. 10, Mr. Badham, of Melksham, met his death by a shooting accident at Rood Ashton, and on Feb. 20, Mr. Brown, a naval officer, was killed by falling from his horse at Horton. March 22. Half-yearly meeting of the Berks and Hants extention Railway, when the contract between the Company and the Great Western Railway Company for the use and working of the line was agreed to.—March 30. Trial and acquittal at the Assizes of John Stocker. for the murder of Ann Hill, at Everley, on August 18.—April 21. Presentation of testimonial to the Rev. W. Kingsland, on his relinquishing the pastorate of the Independent Church. April 28. Two houses in the Brittox destroyed by fire In this month the restoration and enlargement of St. John's Church was commenced.—May 8. Embodiment of the Royal Wilts Militia at Devizes.—June 18, re-opening of Wootton Rivers Church. June 21. Fatal accident at Great Cheverell to a young man named Fricker, of Frome, who was thrown from a vehicle in which he was riding. June 22. Murder of Miss Hall at Fordbridge. June 24. Death of the Ven. Wm. Macdonald, Archdeacon of Wilts, at Bishops Cannings. The Rev Arthur Drury was afterwards appointed in succession as Archdeacon.—July 10. Distress in the Manufacturing districts, owing to the "cotton famine." The Mayor of Devizes invited subscriptions. The Rev. W. Ewart appointed to the living of Bishop's Cannings. July 26 Committal of William Watts, a respectable farmer's son, for arson at Poulshot. During July an alarming outbreak of smallpox took place amongst the sheep of Mr. Joseph Parry, of Allington.—Aug. 5 and 6. Meeting of the Wilts Archæological Society at Malmesbury. Aug. 22. Balloon ascent by Professor Simmons from Devizes Market Place. Sept. 2. Singular and destructive hailstorm at Market Lavington. Sept. 5. A proposal to alter Devizes Market day from Thursday to Wednesday, negatived at a special meeting of the Town Council. Sept. 9. Annual meeting and dinner of the Bear Club Charity Sept. 11. Important meeting of flockmasters at Devizes, and formation of the "Wilts Mutual Cattle Association for the prevention of Smallpox in sheep. Sept. 19. Moses Witts, gardener to Mr. Hadow, killed by falling from a pony at Bromham. Oct. 2. Annual meeting of the Literary and Scientific Institution. Resignation of the Secretaryship by Mr. S. Wittey, Mr. Ewart, M.P., elected President. Oct. 13. The Town Council decide to establish a monthly cheese and cattle market for Devizes. Oct. 28. Death of John Tylee Esq., formerly of Devizes, and Mayor of the Borough in 1812, 1819, and 1826.—Nov. 4. Private opening of the Berks and Hants extension Railway from Devizes to Hungerford, and dinner at the Corn Exchange, Devizes. Nov. 6. First monthly cheese and cattle market for Devizes. Nov. 27. Establishment of a soup kitchen for Devizes. Dec. 11. Re-opening of Market Lavington Church, after restoration at a cost of £1,500. Dec. 12. Committal of the Rev. Herbert Williams, curate at Tidcombe and

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Fosbury, to the Devizes assizes, on a charge of assault. (The Rev. Gentleman was convicted at his trial, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.)

1863. Jan. 8. Private presentation of a testimonial, value £80, to Dr. Everett, late of Devizes. Jan. 25. Sudden death of the Ven. Henry Drury, after holding the Archdeaconry of Wilts for only 7 months. Jan 31. Death of the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Lieutenant of Wilts. Feb. 5. Private presentation of a silver tea service, by the members of the Town Council, to Mrs. Edwin Giddings, in commemoration of the birth of a son during her husband's mayorality. Feb. 7. Death of Capt. Gladstone, R.N., M.P. for Devizes. Feb. 9-11, The Hon. W. W. Addington (Conservative), Mr. J. W. Probyn (Liberal), and Mr. Israel Abrahams (Radical) began their canvass for the representation of the vacant seat. Feb. 13. Visit of the Prince of Wales to Tottenham Park, Wilts. Feb. 17. Devizes Election. Return of Mr. Addington, the numbers being, Addington 170, Probyn 88, Abrahams 6. Feb. 24. Appointment of the Hon. and Rev. Charles Amyand Harris to the Archdeaconry of Wilts, and the vicarage of Bremhill. March 10.—Great public rejoicings in Devizes on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales, and Princess Alexandra of Denmark. April 23. The Royal Wilts Yeomanry assume the title of "The Prince of Wales' own Royal Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry," by approval of Her Majesty. April 29. Review of the regiment on Roundway Down. May 5. Re-opening of St. John's Church, after restoration and enlargement, at a cost of £2,800. May 19. Inspection of the Royal Wilts Militia in the Market House, Devizes, by Colonel Thackwell. June 10. Suicide of John Hudd, a prisoner at the New Prison, Devizes. Oct. 1. Reconstruction of the Devizes Literary and Scientific Institution. Oct 6. Alarming Earthquake felt in the West of England. Meeting of the Southern Counties' Adult Education Society at Devizes, Mr. Ewart, M.P., presiding. Oct. 20. County Quarter Sessions at Marlborough. Long discussion on the state of the Militia Stores and dwellings of the Sergeants. Adoption of the Ned Highway Act for the County. Mr. Israel Abrahams, a former candidate for the seat, declarew bankrupt. Nov. 12. Public Meeting at Devizes, in opposition to the New Highway Act. Nov. 27. Public Meeting for establishing a Working Men's Club and Institute for Devizes. Dec. 23. Opening of the Working Men's Club.

1864. Jan. 4, Suicide of Capt. Mahoney, formerly adjutant of the 2nd Wilts Rifle Vols. Jan. 5. Marriage of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Lord of the Manors of Netheravon and Fittleton. Jan. 7. Wilts Quarter Sessions. Motion for the immediate adoption of the New Highway Act carried by a majority of 31 to 26. Feb. 16. Wilts adjourned Sessions. Report of the Militia Stores Committee adopted. March. 14. The Hon. W. W. Addington, M.P. for Devizes, elevated to the Peerage on

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the death of his father, Viscount Sidmouth. Sir Thomas Bateson, Bart., brought forward by by the Conservatives as a candidate for the seat thus rendered vacant. March 30. First meeting of the Devizes Highway board, and appointment of officers. April 18. Devizes election. Return of Sir Thomas Batson, unopposed, May 4. Opening of a Government School of Art at the Assize Courts, Devizes. May 7, Re-opening of Erchfont church after restoration and re-arrangement. May 25. Opening of the Marlborough Railway. June 27. Commencement of the Roman Catholic Chapel, St. Joseph's Place. Presentation of the Royal Wiltshire Lifeboat to the National Lifeboat Institution at Marlborough. June 28. Appointment of Mr. W. C. Merriman of Marlborough as Clerk of the Peace for the County, vice Mr. J Swayne, resigned. June 30. Seven cows killed on the Berks and Hants Railway, at Mr. Godden's Farm, Brimslade. July 7. Death of James Hutchins, beadle and town crier of Devizes. July 18. Death of E. D. B. Estcourt Esq., at Newnton House, near Tetbury. July 21. A terrific thunderstorm passes over Devizes and the middle and western portions of Wiltshire, causing much damage. Aug. 5. W. Hutchins appointed "beadle and aletaster to the Devizes Town Council." Aug. 15. Triennial visit of the Lord Bishop of Salisbury to St. John's, Devizes. His Lordship made his celebrated recommendation of "retreats" for the clergy, and of a restoration of the Church's discipline, and expressed a desire for the re-union of the English and French Churches. Sept. 6. Autumnal meeting of the Wilts and East Somerset Congregational Union at the Independent Chapel, Devizes. Sept. 12. Abduction of Miss Catherine Box by James Boucher, of Market Lavington. Sept. 23. Alarming fire at Devizes, Destruction of the Phœnix Iron Foundry. Oct. 4. Centenary meeting of the Wilts Clergy Charity at Devizes. Oct. 9. Henry Ovens, a boatman, drowned in the canal at Devizes. Oct. 10. Meeting at the Town Hall, to offer suggestions to the Attorney General in disposing of the lapsed Presbyterian Charities in Devizes. (The charities were subsequently awarded to the New Baptist Chapel.) Oct. 18. County Quarter Sessions at Marlborough. Adoption of an important report on the subject of Prison Discipline. Dec. 20. Died at Roundway Park, Edward Colston, Esq., R.A., aged 42.

1865.—Jan. 3rd. Wilts Quarter Sessions. Adoption of the new and more stringent mode of treating prisoners. Jan. 15.—Re-opening services at Bromham church. Jan. 24.—Proposition, at a public meeting, to alter Devizes market day from Wednesday to Thursday negatived by a huge majority. Jan. 25.—Opening of the Catholic Church. Jan. 30.—Memorial to the Devizes Turnpike Commissioners, praying them to take steps for the abolishing of the toll-gates. Memorial referred to a Committee. Feb. 6.—Death by drowning of Reuben Maynard, head gamekeeper to Mr. Watson Taylor. Feb. 7,—Opening of the Workman's Hall, Market Lavington. March 7.—Retirement

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of Mr. Sotheron Estcourt from the representation of North Wilts. March 9.—Conservative meeting at Devizes, and protest against the "compact." A memorial to Mr. J. L. Phipps, to come forward agreed to. March 20. North Wilts Election. Return of Lord Charles Bruce. Mr. R. N. Fowler proposed but no poll demanded. April 10th. The Devizes Turnpike Commissioners reject a proposition to hold a public meeting on the subject of the abolition of the toll-gates. April 15. Meeting at Chippenham to receive Mr. Merewether's explanation about "the compact." April 17th. Mr. Walter Long announced his intention to retire from the representation of the County at the General Election. April 25th. Examination at Bow-street of Constance Kent, charged on her own confession with the murder of her half-brother at Road in June 1860. April 27. Sir George Jenkinson issued his address to the electors. April 28. Annual meeting of the Devizes Dispensary, and formation of a new "self-supporting branch." May 4th. Public meeting of Conservative electors to invite Mr. R. P. Long to come forward as a candidate for North Wilts. Mr. Long accepts the invitation and issues his address. May 9. Meeting at Devizes to express sympathy with the American people on the assassination of President Lincoln. May 26. Extensive fire at Erlestoke. Thirteen houses, &c., destroyed. May 28th. Revival of the Presbyterian Church at Devizes, by services at the Bear Hotel rooms. June 13. Fire at the Rising Sun Inn, The Green. June 29. Foundation stone of St. Peter's Church laid. June 14—16 Incendiary fires at Mr. Hooper's, West Lavington. July 12. Devizes election. Sir Thomas Bateson and Mr. Darby Griffith returned. Mr. Curling was also nominated, but retired the same evening. July 17. South Wilts Election. Return of Lord H. Thynne and Mr. Fraser Grove. July 18. Nomination of candidates for the representation of North Wilts, viz:—Lord Charles Bruce, Sir George S. Jenkinson, and Mr. R. P. Long. July 21. North Wilts Election. Bruce, 2151, Long, 1911, Jenkinson, 1373. Wilts Summer Assizes. Constance Kent pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to death. Aug. 2, 3, 4. Wilts Rifle Association meeting at Devizes. Aug 25. Meeting to form an Insurance Society against the "Rinderpest" or cattle plague. A Mutual Cattle Insurance Association was formed. Sept. 4. Death of Mrs. Moore of Sloperton Cottage, widow of the Poet Moore. Sept. 16. Foundation stone of the Herbert Convalescent Home at Bournemouth laid by the Earl of Pembroke. Oct. 3. Death of Mrs. Colston, of Roundway Park. Nov. 9. A Survey made with the view of forming Water Works for the town, to be worked by a limited liability Company. Nov. 19. Fire at St. Mary's Church Nov. 22. Important discussion of the Commissioners meeting on the subject of the sanitary condition of the town. Construction of a deep drain in the Market-place ordered. Dec. 2nd. Public meeting at Devizes to consider the several projected lines of Railway affecting the town. A petition adopted against the Andover and Radstock line (which was afterwards abandoned) and a

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committee formed to confer with other towns and companies in favour of the North and South Wiltshire Narrow Gauge railway. Dec. 11-18. Orders issued by the divisional and borough magistrates, prohibiting the bringing of horned cattle into the district, except for purposes of slaughtering, owing to the cattle plague prevalent. Dec .12. William John Storer, who had been committed for trial at Devizes on a charge of poisoning Miss Blake, at Salisbury, committed suicide in the county gaol at Fisherton, by drowning himself in his bath. Sudden death in York-street, Bristol, of Mr. James Glass, corn factor, of Devizes. Dec. 13. Extensive fire at Honeystreet Wharf. £4,000 worth of property destroyed. Dec. 29. Death of George Elgar Sloper, Esq., of Devizes, at the age of 75.

1866.—Jan. 2 Wilts Quarter Sessions at Devizes. Important discussion on the Cattle Plague question. Jan. 11. Great snow storm and destruction of sheep and property in various parts of Wiltshire. The roads were completely blocked up by the snow drifts, and in some parts the trains were stopped for many hours. Jan 13. Death of Mr. Wooldridge, manager of North Wilts Bank, Devizes. Feb. 21. At a meeting of the Devizes Town Council, Mr. May proposed the formation of Water Works for the Borough at a cost of about £12,000. Matter referred to a committee of the whole Council. March 2. Day of Humiliation in the Salisbury Diocese on account of the Cattle Plague. March 12-15. Mr. William Murphy lectured in the Corn Exchange on Popery and Puseyism. March 19. Formation of the Devizes and North Wilts Protestant Association. March 28-31. Wilts Lent Assizes. Trial of Frederick Hamilton Fuller for bigamy and forgery at Malmesbury. Five years penal servitude. May 4. At a quarterly meeting of the Town Council g requisition signed by 20 ratepayers, requesting the Council to consider the propriety of adoptina the Health of Towns Act, was presented, and an adjourned meeting was fixed for the 11th of June, at which meeting the proposition fell to the ground. May 7. The Government Redistribution of Seats Bill introduced by Mr. Gladstone; Devizes and Marlborough to be grouped together, and to return one member. May 13. Dr. Brabant, formerly of Devizes, died at Bath, aged 85. June 9. Special meeting of the Berks and Hants Railway Company at Hungerford. The proprietors assented to the Bill for enabling the line to be transferred to the Great Western Company, and also to the Bill for making a line from Stert to Westbury. July 5. Death of the Marquis of Lansdowne, aged 51. Resignation by Sir J. W. Awdry, Kt., of the chairmanship of the Wilts Quarter Sessions. July 17. Consecration of St Peter's Church. Aug. 3. Discussion at the Town Council on the sanitary state of the town, and the cholera; Mr. May proposed the erection of a temporary cholera hospital, but his motion was defeated. Aug. 7. Discussion on the same subject at the Commissioners' meeting. Committee appointed to confer with the Town Council with reference to the quarter of a lock of

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canal water daily to which the town is entitled. Mysterious death from poisoning of Mr. E. Gale, of Market Lavington, and on the 10th, of his mother from the same cause. Sept. 28. Adoption by the Town Council of the Local Government Act for Devizes. Sept. 16. Mr. Merewether, Q.C., Recorder of Devizes, appointed chairman of the Quarter Sessions at Devizes and Marlborough, in the place of Sir John Awdry. Mr. R. L. Lopes appointed second chairman. A vote of thanks and a candelabrum, value 200 guineas, presented to Sir John Awdry. Dec. 6. Address to Lord S. G. Osborne from a large body of Wiltshire farmers, thanking him for his "timely protest against the inroads now being attempted against the Protestant faith."

1867.—Wilts Quarter Sessions. Important discussion as to the advisability of holding the Quarter Sessions at Devizes only. It was decided that in future they should not be held at any place without a prison, and a committee was appointed to consider as to whether one prison was sufficient for the county, and whether one of the existing prisons would serve the purpose, or whether it would be necessary to build a new one. Jan. 9. Great snowstorm, with unusually low temperature. Jan. 31. Death of Walter Long, Esq., late M.P. for North Wilts. Formation of a Protestant Lay Association of the Diocese, "to protect the Church of England from Popish innovations and doctrines within her own pale, and to preserve the integrity of her creed as settled at the reformation." Feb. 21. Meeting at Devizes to establish a local Chamber of Agriculture, Sir G. S. Jenkinson in the chair. March. Re-opening of the Devizes cattle market, after being closed for 15 months on account of the Cattle plague. March 12 to 19. Heavy fall of snow, again making the roads impassable in many districts, and continuing for a whole week. March 20. Meeting of the Devizes Improvement Commissioners, when a report of a previously appointed Committee, adverse to the abolition of that body was adopted, and a memorial in accordance therewith was directed to be drawn up and presented to the Government Inspector. At the subsequent enquiry before Arnold Taylor, Esq., Mr. Meek supported the abolition of the Commissioners' powers, and their transfer to a local Board of Health, and Mr. Norris and others strongly opposed it. April 4. Second meeting at the Town Hall in favour of establishing a Wiltshire Chamber of Agriculture, principal speakers Lord H. Thynne, M.P., and Mr. R. P. Long, M.P. A committee was formed. April 9. Quarter Sessions at Salisbury. The resolution of the previous Sessions for holding Sessions only where there is a county prison was reversed. The report of the County Prisons Committee was presented, and was in favour of retaining the gaol at Devizes and discontinuing that at Salisbury, the annual saving to the county being calculated at £1,200. Triennial visitation of the Bishop of Salisbury at St. John's Church. The Bishop gave his celebrated charge in which he claimed for the priesthood supernatural powers and prerogatives. May 16. Public presentation of an address to Mr. Alfred Saunders, on his return from New Zealand, by the

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inhabitants of Market Lavington. June 4. Protest from 51 churchwardens in the Marlborough district against the Bishop's charge. June 9. Death of Mr. Robert Waylen, of Northgate-Street. June 21. Another protest from 44 churchwardens summoned to the visitation at Devizes. July 2. Wilts Quarter Sessions at Warminster. Discussion on the County gaols question, and a presentment by two justices as to the necessity of altering and enlarging the Devizes prison, in order to place it in compliance with the Prisons Act, agreed to, for consideration at the next Sessions, July 23. Last meeting of the Devizes Improvement Commissioners. July 25. Passing of the Act for their abolition, and for placing the town under the entire management of the Town Council, as a Local Board of Health. Aug. 2. First meeting under the Act of the Local Board of Health, and appointment of officers. Treasurer, Mr. John Hayward; Surveyor, Mr. H. Weaver; Inspector and Collector, Mr. T. Hayward; Gas Works Manager, Mr. Holloway. Sept. 18. The Boundary Assistant Commissioners, under the new Representation of the People Act sat at Devizes. Mr. E. Waylen made a proposition for extending the Borough to the Railway Bridge on the Bath Road; and Mr. Norris proposed that the whole of the parishes of Potterne, Rowde, and Bishop Cannings should be included in the Borough. Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Choral Association at St. John's Church, Devizes. Oct. 15. Wilts Quarter Sessions at Marlborough. Motion by the Marquis of Bath for altering and enlarging Devizes prison so as to provide accommodation for 230 prisoners, and for borrowing £3,700 for the purpose, was strongly opposed by the magistrates of the Southern Division, but was carried by a majority of 32 to 18. Nov. 21. Marriage of Miss Locke, of Rowdeford, to Lieut. Col. Morant. Dec. 11th. Great excitement throughout the country on account of the Fenian outrages at Devizes. The railway employes, militia staff, etc., armed to repel any attack. Dec. 24. Frederick Baker executed at Winchester for the atrocious murder and mutilation of a little girl named Fanny Adams, at Alton.

1868. Jan. 1. Wilts Quarter Sessions at Devizes. A motion of the Marquis of Bath for completing the alterations at Devizes Gaol, at a cost of £3,700, met by an amendment by Lord Folkestone to expend £1,000 on Fisherton Goal, and £1,600 on Devizes Prison, to bring both within the requirements of the New Prisons Act. The original motion was carried by a large majority. The Local Board Surveyer produced his plan on drainage for the town, total estimated cost £1,758. 13. March 19. Special meeting of the Town Council to consider the propriety of purchasing the house lately occupied by Mr. Montgomery (who committed suicide on the first of the month) as lodgings for the judges. A public subscription entered into for the purpose. March 23. Attempted murder at Roundway, of a woman named Bailey, by her husband. Death of the Rev. A. Manning, chaplain of the new prison. April 7. Wilts Quarter Sessions at Salisbury. County Gaol question

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again renewed. A motion by Mr. Hinxman for putting the Fisherton Gaol into a fit state for receiving prisoners under the new Act, was met by an amendment by the Marquis of Bath, that no such alterations be made. The amendment was carried by a majority of 58 to 42. May 4. Laying of the foundation stone of the new school-rooms and Lecture-hall, at the Independent Chapel, Devizes. May 22. Sir George Jenkinson issued his address to the electors of North Wilts. June 2. Mr. R. P. Long announced his intention to retire from the representation of North Wilts. On the 8th the Marquis of Worcester sent out his address offering himself as candidate in the Conservative interest. July 8. Marquis of Worcester retires from his candidature. 8 to 13. Sir T. Bateson, Mr. Darby Griffiths, and Mr. Probyn issued their addresses to the electors of Devizes. The month throughout was very dry and intensely hot, the harvest being unusually fine and early. Several deaths from sun-stroke in the harvest field occured in the neighbourhood. Aug. 4. Lord Charles Bruce issued his address to the electors of North Wilts. Aug. 7. At a meeting of the Devizes Local Board of Health, a "Report on the chemical examination of twenty samples of well water," obtained from twenty wells in Devizes, and fully establishing the excellence of the Devizes water was produced, and the Water Supply Committee previously appointed thereupon stated that "they were not justified in recommending any further steps being taken with reference to the adoption of Water Works for Devizes." Sept. 20. Severe thunderstorm: 77 sheep killed on the farm of Mr. Robert Hooper, at Little Cheverell. Fatal accident ot Bradford, to Mr. S. Crisp, of Durlett Farm, Rowde. Sept. 23. Registration of Voters at Devizes. This was the first Registration under the new Reform Act, admitting all rate-paying householders and lodgers. Sept. 26. The Rev. J. M. Tandy, M.A., on resigning the mastership of Devizes Grammar School. was presented with a handsome testimonial by his pupils. Mr. James Henry, B.A., succeeded Mr. Tandy. Oct. 7. Mr. J. T. Schomberg, Q.C. of Seend, announced his intention of contesting the county against Sir George Jenkinson. Oct. 16. Death of Major Grubbe, of Potterne. Oct. 20. Wilts Quarter Sessions, at Marlborough. The County Gaol question again discussed, and a motion for transferring the prisoners from Salisbury to Devizes Gaol, &c., was lost. An amendment by Lord Folkestone for deferring the further consideration of the question until after the report of the Royal Commission on Assize towns was carried by a majority of 21 to 17. Oct. 28. Earthquake in England. Shock felt distinctly in Devizes and neighbourhood. Nov. 1. Abolition of the Devizes Turnpike Trust. Nov. 5. Bonfire on Etchilhampton Hill to celebrate the abolition of the turnpike gates. Nov. 6. Public dinner at the Bear for the same purpose. A valuable testimonial presented to Mr. J. J. Fox for his services in having "after a four years' contest at his own expense, conducted and brought to a successful issue the abolition of the Devizes Turnpike Trust." There was a grand display of fireworks on the Green at

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1873. Feb. 18.—Great Conservative banquet at Devizes to introduce Mr. Geo. Estcourt as the second Conservative candidate at the next election. Feb. 27.—Wilts Lent Assizes. Sudden death of Mr. S. Wittey, a solicitor, while engaged in the Court. March 5.—Death of Mr. John Biggs, an old inhabitant of Devizes. March 12.—Trial and conviction at Dorchester of the notorious swindler, Jane Trutch, alias the Hon. Miss Treherne, who had victimised a number of Devizes people a short time before. She was sentenced to five years penal servitude. March 31.—Death of "Michael," the well known "boots" at the "Bear." April 20.—Public meeting at Devizes, and petition in favour of repealing the Contagious Diseases Act. July 8.—Devizes Wool Fair, the largest in the West of England, 100,000 fleeces being sold. July 30 —Death of Mr. Paul Anstie of Devizes. Sept. 18.—"Labourers Union" meeting on Devizes Green. Sept. 23.—Opening of the Oddfellows' Hall, Devizes, with a procession, fete, and banquet at Roundway Park, and illuminations and ball at the hall in the evening. Oct. 3.—Appointment of Dr. Carless as medical officer of health. Nov. 20.—Election of coroner for the middle division of Wilts, in the room of Mr. G. Sylvester, resigned. Six candidates issued addresses, including Mr. F. T. Sylvester (Devizes), Dr. Carless (Devizes), and Mr. E. D. B. Locke (Seend). Only the former and Dr. Adye (Bradford) were nominated. The show of hands being in favour of Mr. Sylvester, a poll was demanded for Dr. Adye, and was taken on the 24th at Devizes, Pewsey, Melksham, Westbury, and Warminster. Mr. Sylvester was elected, the numbers being Sylvester 906, Adye 868. Dec. 24.—Daring highway robbery with violence, on the person of Samuel Hibberd, by two tramps named John and Ann Murphy, on the Coate Road. Prisoners were sentenced at the Assizes to 5 years penal servitude.

1874.—Wilts Quarter Sessions at Devizes. The Chairman (H. A. Merewether, Esq., Q.C.), speaking in his charge on the late Education Act, made some remarks which afterwards excited a great deal of discussion, to the effect that "if a carter or a ploughman could read the direction posts, they were about qualified to make a good carter and a good ploughman, but educating these people much beyond that, was throwing pearls before swine." Feb. 3.—Devizes election. The following were the number of votes recorded for the respective candidates: Sir Thomas Bateson, 396; Mr. C. D. Griffith, 364; Mr. S. F. Sloper, 2. Feb. 11.—North Wilts Election. Mr. T. G. B. Estcourt, and Sir George S. Jenkinson (Conservatives), being returned. Estcourt, 3,195; Jenkinson, 3,129; Lord Charles Bruce (the former sitting member), 2,358. April 16.—Death of Dr. Burrows, of Devizes, at the West Coast of Africa. July 3 to 6.—The gauge on the Berks and Hants Railway changed from broad to narrow width, the other portions of the Great Western system in the district having been altered about a fortnight previously. July 26.—Rev. T. B. Buchanan, of Potterne, installed as Archdeacon of Wilts in the room of the Rev. T. Stanton, resigned through ill-health. Sept. 1.—Tenders received for the construction of the new Military Barracks on the London-road, Devizes,

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The tender of Mr. Finch of Plymouth, at about £40,000 accepted. Sept. 8, 9 and 10.—At the annual Congress of the Wilts Archæological Society held this year at Devizes, the new Museum of the Society in Long-street opened. Oct. 22.—Resignation of the Rectory of Devizes by the Rev. W. H. Teale, and the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Burges in his stead. Mr. Teale presented with a testimonial, value 60 guineas, by his late parishioners.

1875.—March 23.—Capture, in Spain, of Ernest Awdry Stiles, cashier of the North Wilts Bank, Melksham, charged with defrauding the Co. of nearly £20,000. April 2.—Special meeting of the Town Council, to consider the subject of enlarging the Gas Works. A report recommending that £3,000 be borrowed for the purpose, adopted. July 2.—The Bear Club Charity School amalgamated with the Town School in Sheep-street. July 17.—Death of Mr. Henry Hale Hulbert, Clerk of the Peace for Devizes. July 21.—Death of Mr. R. S. Hulbert, brother of the above. Aug. 6.—Dr. Carless, the medical officer of the Borough, presented a report to the Urban Sanitary Authority, on the subject of the graveyards in the town, showing that several of them were quite full, and that additional burying ground must be obtained within a short space of time. Aug. 13.—At an adjourned meeting of St. Mary's parish on the Cemetery question, a resolution was passed against taking any parochial action in the matter. Sept. 7.—The custom of tolling a funeral bell at 6 o'clock in the morning at St. John's and St. Mary's Churches (having been strongly condemned by the "Advertiser," was discontinued from this date by order of the Rector and Churchwardens. Oct. 1. Meeting at the Town Hall to confer with Mr. Holland, the Government Inspector, on the question of the graveyards. Oct. 13.—Re-opening of St. Mary's Church after repairs and alterations in the internal arrangements. Oct. 18.—Public meeting on the burial grounds question. Resolutions passed for placing the matter in the hands of the Town Council as a Burial Board. Oct. 22.—Special meeting of the Town Council on the cemetery question.

1876. Jan. 6. Death of the Right Hon. T. H. S. Estcourt. April 20. The bell-ringers of St. John's church struck for wages, and their demand being refused, a society of amateur bell-ringers was formed who learned the art of Campanology. April 22. G. H. B. Pike, rate-collector for St. Mary's Parish, convicted at the Borough Quarter Sessions on a charge of collecting fictitious rates, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. April 24. At the annual meeting of the Wilts Friendly Society, at Devizes, the proposal to erect a statute in Devizes Market Place, to the memory of the late Mr. Southeron Estcourt, was formally approved of. May 1. Special vestry meeting of St. Mary's parish on the burial question. A motion for creating a Burial Board for the parish was met by an amendment requesting the Town Council to form themselves into a Burial Board for the whole borough. The amendment was carried, and a poll of the whole

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1881. January 5.—Large meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall to form a Liberal Association for the Borough of Devizes. January 18 and 19.—Heavy gale and snowstorm, Mails and train service stopped for three days. Several deaths occurred in the neighbourhood of Devizes amongst carters and others carrying on open-air occupations. April 4.—Census day. Population of Devizes, 8,293, inclusive of St. James's, being an increase of 415 on the last decade.—May 20.—Erection of a handsome coloured window in St. James's church in memory of the officers and men of the 99th regiment who fell in the Zulu war. June 16.—The Salvation Army at the Town Hall, Devizes. The proceedings were interrupted by boys, and the use of the room for the second night was refused by the authorities. June 29.—Wilts Trinity Sessions. Trial of the Marquis Townshend, Col. Neapan, and Mr. F. Ellis for horsewhipping Lord Edward Thynne, at Laverstock. Prisoners were convicted, fined, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months. June 30. Trial of Mr. R. L. Bruges, of Seend, at the Central Criminal Court, for libelling the Countess of Lonsdale. Pleaded guilty, and discharged on the ground of aberration of mind. July 15.—Serious fire in the Market-place. Mr. Welling's house completely burned down, and the adjacent three houses more or less seriously damaged. Oct. 27.—At the Rifle Volunteers' prize distribution, the Mayoress presented Mr. W. H. Burt with the Albert medal of the second class, for his bravery in removing a can of gunpowder from Mr. Welling's burning premises. Nov. 24.—Murder at Devizes Workhouse. A pauper named Charles Gerrish killed another pauper named Stephen Coleman, by thrusting a redhot poker into his neck. Gerrish was sentenced to death at the next Assizes, and was executed at Devizes prison on Jan. 30th, 1882.

1882. January 19.—Mr. G. B. Sotheron Estcourt, M.P., for North Wilts, announced his intention of retiring. February 16.—Conservative meeting. Resolution passed to ask Lord Arthur Somerset to stand as candidate at the next election. May 16.—Presentation to the town of a marble bust of the late Mr. H. A. Merewether, Q C. May 31.—Death of Mr. R. P. Nisbet, J.P., D.L., at Southbroom House. June 3.—Resolution of the Berks and Hants Shareholders to transfer the line to the Great Western Railway Company. June 22.—Adoption of Mr. W. Saunders as Liberal candidate for Devizes. July 19.—Opening of a Freemason's Hall by Lord Methuen, on the site of the old Town Schools in Morris's Lane. August 1.—Visitation by the Bishop of Salisbury. Presentation to the town of a portrait of the late Rev. Charles Lucas, to be placed in the Council Chamber. September 8.—Letting of the tolls of Devizes Market to Mr. J. Percy, of London, for one year, at £252 per year. Sept. 24.—Commencement of the pastorate of the Rev. W. Darwent at the Independent Chapel, Oct. 24.—Communication between Devizes and Trowbridge stopped, in consequence of the line being flooded. Nov. 24 —Appointment of the Rev. C. E. B. Barnwell, as vicar of St. James's, Southbroom, in the place of the Rev. S. Tordiffe, resigned.

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1883. Jan. 3.—Death of Mr. S. Waylen of Devizes at the age of 81. May 7.—Enquiry at the Board Room of the Union Workhouse, by the Hon. Mr. Pelham, under the Divided Parishes Act. May 18.—Protests, at St. James's Vestry Meeting, against the proposed alterations in the parish under the Act. June 5.—Sale of the Park Dale Estate to Mr. J. T. Marshall for £2,160. August 8.—Owing to the appearance of scarlet fever in the town, at a special meeting of the Council, it was decided to build a new wing to the Infectious Hospital. This was done within a week at a cost of £500. Sept. 1.—Announcement by the Charity Commissioners of their intention to endow a middle-class school at Devizes, or some other appropriate Wiltshire town, with the sum of £700 a year, out of the property left 300 years ago by Alderman Dauntsey, for the establishment of a free school at West Lavington. Sept. 21.—Special meeting of the Devizes Town Council to consider the question of the Dauntsey Charity. Public meeting at Market Lavington to protest against the removal of the Charity from Lavington. Sept. 26—Meeting at West Lavington for the same purpose. Oct. 4.—Committee appointed to watch the interests of Devizes with regard to the Dauntsey Charity. Oct. 12.—Public meeting at Warminster to secure the Dauntsey Charity Middle Class School Endowment. Oct. 16—Wilts Quarter Sessions at Marlborough. Lengthy discussion on the subject of the Dauntsey bequest. The circular referred back to the Charity Commissioners. Oct. 17.—Public meeting at Salisbury to try for the Dauntsey Charity. Nov. 1—Amalgamation of Messrs. Locke and Company's Bank Ltd, at Devizes, with Capital and Counties Bank. Nov. 18.—First Sunday evening service at St. Mary's.

1884. Feb. 6.—Erection of a screen across the Corn Exchange, at a cost of about £60. April 8.—Adoption of Mr. R. Sorton Parry as Liberal candidate for Devizes. July 30.—Presentation to the Devizes troop of the Wilts Yeomanry Cavalry of a new shooting range on Roundway Down, by Capt. G. T. S. Estcourt, M.P. Aug. 15.—Race meeting on Roundway Down, very large attendance from all parts. Sept. 23.—Re-opening of St. Peter's Church, after addition of a new aisle. Dec. 4.—Meeting at Trowbridge for the formation of an Agricultural Association for Wiltshire. Dec. 31.—Holding of a Court at Salisbury, for the purpose of enquiring as to the divisions of the county under the Redistribution Bill, about to be passed through Parliament. By this Bill Wiltshire lost nine members.

1885. Jan. 7.—Death of F. A. S. Locke, Esq., of Rowdeford, chairman of the Devizes Divisional Bench of Magistrates. Jan. 22.—Formation of a new Conservative Association for the Devizes Division. Feb. 3.—Formation of a new Liberal Association for the Devizes Division. Feb. 13.—William Rowlands, of Devizes, was charged with making counterfeit coins. Accused was tried at Winchester Assizes and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. March 7.—Death of Mr. S. W. Sloper, of Devizes. March 19.—Death of Mr. C. Darby Griffith, formerly M.P. for Devizes.

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Decision of the Charity Commissioners to capitalise a sum of £30,000 for the maintenance of the existing West Lavington Charities, and of a middle-class school at Devizes. April 25.—Adoption of W. Barber, Esq., Q.C., as the Liberal candidate for East Wilts. May 9.—Sudden death of the Rev. H. A. L. Grindle, vicar of St. Peter's. May 13. Adoption of Mr. W. H. Long as Conservative candidate for East Wilts. Lord Henry Bruce had also put forth claims. June 2 and 3. First meeting of the newly-formed Wiltshire Agricultural Society at Trowbridge. June 19. Decision of the Devizes Urban Sanitary Authority to borrow £3,000 in order to complete the drainage scheme. July 13. Burning of a barn close to the Union Workhouse: narrow escape from serious conflagration. July 29. Visit of the Rt. Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P., and Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., to Market Lavington. Aug. 7. Decision of the Devizes Urban Sanitary Authority to borrow the sum of £1,000 to enlarge the Waterworks. Oct. 12. County Court case, Fox v. Sorton Parry to recover £20 for registration expenses, as guaranteed. Judgment for defendant. Oct. 30. Announcement of the Queen's intention to raise Sir Thomas Bateson, Bart., M.P., to the peerage, by the title of Baron Deramore, of Belvoir, Belfast. Nov. 4. Dreadful accident at the Gas Works by the fall of a portion of the buildings; a workman named George Norris killed. Dec. 11. First visit of the newly-appointed Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Wordsworth) to Devizes.

1886.—Jan. 13. Trial, for a double murder, of John Horton, at Devizes Assizes. Prisoner was found guilty and was executed in Devizes Gaol on Feb. 1st. Feb. 1. Hearing of a charge against Mr. S. W. Taylor, of All Cannings, before the Devizes Divisional Bench, of a violation of the ballot act at the previous election. The case was dismissed. Feb. 16. Formation of a Devizes Volunteer Fire Brigade. Presentation to C. E. Colston, Esq., by the Bristol Conservatives, for his services at the previous election as candidate for the Northern Division of the City. Appointment of new magistrates, viz., Messrs. E. N. Carless, T. Chandler, F. S. Hancock, F. Sloper and G. Smith. March 16. Banquet at the Corn Exchange to Lord Deramore, and presentation of a handsome testimonial and address, congratulating him on his elevation to the peerage, and thanking him for his services to the town, during the 21 years he was member. April 30. Stormy parish meeting at West Lavington, in reference to the Dauntsey Charity. Resolution passed, accepting the £30,000 offered by the Charity Commissioners, but objecting to £16,000 of it being used at Devizes or elsewhere. June 10.—Presentation to Mr. T. Mullings, for over 50 years Parish Clerk of Devizes. July 7.—The Second General Election under the new Franchise Bill was held for the Devizes Division on this date. Result:—W. H. Long (C.) 4,123; J. W. Phillips (L.) 2,397. Majority, 7126. July 26.—Presentation of a testimonial to the Rev. H. de C. Wingfield, on his leaving the Parish of Southbroom. Aug. 2.—Appointment of Mr. W. H. Long, M.P., as Secretary to the

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L. G. B. Aug. 16.—Purchase, by the Wilts Archæological Association, for their Museum, of the collection of fossils, &c., made by Mr. G. E. Sloper and his brother. Aug. 23.—Promulgation of the New Dauntsey Charity Scheme; £16,000 to be applied out of the capital sum of £30,000 to the Wilts County School, and £14,000 to the Dauntsey School and Almshouse Foundation. Aug. 30. —Suffocation of an old woman, named Cecelia Wright, aged 83, living in New-street, by inhaling gas from a leak in a pipe. Sept. 7.—Discontinuance of the Bateson Reading Rooms, and convertion of the premises into Conservative Club Rooms, the property being given over by Lord Deramore for that purpose at a yearly rental of 1s. Sept. 19.—The Mayor and Corporation attended the Independent Chapel in State. Sept. 23.—Presentations to Mr. W. J. Rowden, Mr. J. Tayler, and Mr. J. Glass, the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Market ordinary at the Elm Tree Inn, by Mr. E. Sloper, the retiring landlord. Oct. 7.—Adoption of John Wynford Philipps, Esq., as Liberal Candidate for East Wilts. Oct. 8.—Revival of the custom of giving a retiring banquet by the Mayor, Mr. Mead. Nov. 2.—Presentation to Mr. Joseph Howard, Governor of H.M. Prison at Devizes, on his removal to a similar post at Cardiff. Nov. 18.—Opening of the Conservative Club. Dec. 1.—Completion of the New Sewage Works, at a cost of about £3,000.

1887.—Jan. 4. Wilts Quarter Sessions at Devizes. Appointment of the Rt. Hon. E. P. Bouverie as Chairman of the First Court, and Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice as Chairman of the Second Court, in place of Mr. R. L. Lopes and Mr. C. F. D. Caillard, resigned. Feb. 1.—Jubilee Volunteer banquet at the Town-hall. June 28.—Celebration in Devizes of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria: the local memorial was an additional wing (costing £630) to the Cottage Hospital, in order to extend its benefits to the neighbouring contributory parishes. The day's festivities included a dinner to the poor of the town, and a treat to 2,000 school children in Roundway Park. £350 was raised and expended on the festivities. July 20.—Resignation of the Borough Recordership by Mr. R. L. Lopes. Mr. F. R. Y. Radcliffe was appointed in his stead. Nov. 2.—Death of Mr. Henry Cunnington, the well-known archæologist, of Devizes. Nov. 4.—Presentation to the borough by the Mayor (Mr. Ald. Chandler) of a portrait, in oils, (by Mr. H. Grant) of Her Majesty the Queen, in commemoration of the Jubilee year and of his own fourth year of office. Nov. 11.—Death of Lady Charlotte Watson-Taylor. Dec. 18—The Salvation Army commenced operations in the town, taking up their quarters in the Barracks, Couch Lane. Dec. 26.—Death of Mr. George Sylvester, formerly County Coroner, at Trowbridge, aged 100 years, all but three months.

1888.—April 3.—A new clock in St. James' tower completed. The cost, about £134, was met by public subscription. April 23.—A public meeting of the Devizes tradesmen decided to have an early

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closing day each week, closing on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from May until September. The first "early-closing day" on May 2nd was celebrated by a torchlight procession. May 7.—Death of Mr. R. V. Leach, of Devizes Castle, aged 82. June 14—15. Meeting and Annual Show of the Wiltshire Agricultural Society at Devizes. June 25.—Presentation to Lord Methuen, A.D.C., upon relinquishing the command of the Royal Wilts Militia, by the past and present officers of the regiment. July 3.—The Dauntsey Charity scheme presumably settled by an agreement to accept the terms offered by the Mercers' Company, viz., the payment of £2500 a year towards the maintenance of a free elementary school and almshouse at West Lavington; and the establishment of a new school for special instruction in agriculture. August 1. Great Liberal demonstration at Calne, address by Mr. Campbell Bannerman, M.P. August 21. Devizes Castle sold by auction and purchased by Sir Charles Stuart Rich, Bart, for £8000. Sept. 13. Enquiry by a Government Commissioner into the Devizes Markets and Tolls. Oct. 2. Marriage of Capt. Spicer, of Spye Park, to Lady Margaret Fane, daughter of the Earl of Westmoreland. Oct. 10. Marriage of Mr. A. W. Hartopp to Miss Janet Spicer, of Spye Park. Nov. 8. Opening of a Parish Room, given to St. James's Parish by Mr. A. Meek, of Hillworth. Nov. 24. Death of Edward Hampton, an inmate of Devizes Union Workhouse, aged 101 years. Dec. 30. Death of Mr. Alexander Meek, of Hillworth House, aged 80.

1889.—January 1. Last meeting of the Wiltshire Court of Quarter Sessions, at Devizes, previous to the transference of its civil powers to the County Council. Jan. 23. Polling day for Wilts County Council, Mr. G. H. Mead elected for the Devizes division. March 11. Death of Mr. William Nott, of Devizes, actuary of the Savings Bank, a prominent Free-Mason, and Hon. Major and Secretary of the Devizes Volunteers, etc. The members of the Rifle Corps afterward subscribed towards procuring a Challenge Cup, to be shot for annually, thus perpetuating his memory. March 27. Meet of the Savernake Stag hounds. April 9. Excavations at Wans Dyke by General Pitt Rivers. April 25. Death of William Hutchins, for 26 years town crier and beadle. J. G. Nott was afterwards appointed as his successor. June 7. Shocking railway tragedy in the train near the Fish Bridge. Miss Lister, a schoolmistress of Devizes, shot and pushed out of the train by a young man named Keeling, who got out of the carriage and was killed by the the train passing over him. Miss Lister afterwards recovered from her injuries. August 28. Prosecution of the Salvation Army for obstruction in Hare and Hounds Street and Bridewell Street. The case was dismissed. September 3. Transfer of Messrs. Humby's brewing etc. business to Messrs. Wadworth and Co. Sept. 11. Government enquiry at the Town Hall as to loan of £3,000 for the extension of Devizes Waterworks. Oct. 25. Presentation of silver tea-service

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to Mr. J. F. Humby, Mayor, by the Corporation and Borough Officials, in acknowledgment of his two years' service as Mayor, and also of the birth of a daughter, during his Mayoralty. Nov. 2—Formation of North Wilts Dairy Co., Ltd. Capital £20,000 in £5 shares. Nov. 9.—Dreadful murder by a man named Benjamin Purnell, who killed his wife, Emily, at 21 Avon Terrace by cutting her head open with a hatchet. Purnell was afterwards executed. Nov 16.—Fatal accident to Miss L. Spicer, from a fall in the hunting field. Dec. 70—Great Liberal Demonstration, and opening of a Liberal Club in Devizes. Dec. 13.—Opening of a new organ in St. James's Church, as a memorial to the late Mr. A. Meek. Dec. 16.—Death of Right Hon. E. P. Bouverie. Dec. 20—Resignation of Mr. A. G. Meek, Clerk to the Urban Sanitary Authority and Town Clerk.

1890.—Jan. 27.—Death of Robert Logden, for 27 years sexton of St. James's Church. Jan. 30.—Allotment land provided near Rotherstone, for the benefit of working men, by Mr. Colston. Feb. 25.—Adoption of Mr. C. A. Fyffe, M.A., as Liberal Candidate for East Wilts. March 3.—Public meeting at the Town Hall to consider the desirability of petitioning the Queen to abolish the Court of Borough Quarter Sessions. A resolution was passed in favour of the abolition, but the Town Council afterwards refused to act upon the recommendation. May 2.—Appointment of Mr. J. T. Jackson as Town Clerk, in the place of Mr. A. G. Meek. May 14.—Sudden death of Mr. Alderman Waylen, the oldest member of the Devizes Town Council. June 2.—Death of T. Mullings, for 26 years the Parish Clerk of Devizes. Dec. 1.—Death of Lord Deramore, who, as Sir Thomas Bateson, represented Devizes in Parliament for 20 years.

1891. Jan. 14.—Conference of the members of the County Council, Town Councils, School of Art managers etc., at Trowbridge, on the question of local grants for technical education, out of the funds placed at the disposal of the County Council by recent legislation. Feb. 26.—Death of the Rev. Canon Jackson, the eminent Wiltshire Archæologist.—Feb. 16. The Devizes Town Council, by 11 votes to 7, adopted the motion by Mr. Ald. C. Gillman, for planting trees in the streets. Apr. 21.—Charge of assault preferred at Croydon, against Mr. C. A. Fyffe, the Liberal candidate for East Wilts, by Christopher Richmond. The case was afterwards sent for trial by the magistrates, and, at Guildford Assizes, in July, the Grand Jury ignored the bill, the judge characterizing the charge as an extremely improbable one. May 15.—The Borough Charters, at the instance of the Mayor (Mr. Ald. C. Gillman), placed for preservation and permanent display, on the walls of the Council Chamber. June 29.—The final scheme for the management of the Dauntsey Charity having been settled, the election for local governors took place, the gentleman elected being Mr. James Glass and Mr. S. Saunders. June 30.—Annual Prize Shooting meeting of the Wilts Rifle Association, after a lapse of 5 years. July 9.—L.G.B. enquiry at Devizes. A

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loan of £3,000 was sanctioned to carry out a portion of the extensions in contemplation at the Sewage Works. July 31.—Adoption of Mr. C. E. Hobhouse as Liberal Candidate for East Wilts, in place of Mr. C. A. Fyffe, who resigned on account of ill-health. Visit to Devizes of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to inspect the Western Counties Volunteer Brigade encamped on Pound Down. He was accorded a public reception, the town being decorated from end to end. The Corporation and inhabitants of Devizes presented a thirty-guinea cup for competition amongst the Regiments of the Brigade.—Aug. 11. Election of Mr. F. M. Lush as Superintendent Registrar, in place of Mr. A. G. Meek, resigned.—Sept. 11. Decision of the Town Council to enlarge the Infectious Diseases Hospital.—Oct. 28. Mr. H. V. Hulbert, Clerk of the Peace for Devizes, resigned his office with a view of entering the Church. Mr T C Hopkins was afterwards appointed in his place.—Oct. 30. Schemes having been sent in from the Borough of Devizes and the Devizes Union for conducting Technical Education Classes, etc., the County Council allotted £597 to Devizes. The annual sum previously scheduled was £510.

1892. February. Formation of sub-centres in connection with the Technical Education scheme, at West Lavington, Erchfont, All Cannings and Bromham, Devizes being the centre.—Feb. 19. Death of Mr. C. A. Fyffe, formerly Liberal candidate for East Wilts.—March 24. Capt. Spicer's Coach, the "Nimrod," started to run from Devizes to Bath for the season.—March 2nd. The lighting of the courts in Devizes, arranged for by the Gas Committee.—May 6. Quarterly Council Meeting. The use of the Town-hall for political meetings refused by a vote of 9 to 8.—May 18. Re-opening of the Independent Chapel, Devizes after renovation.—June 3. A proposal to enlarge the Infectious Hospital at a cost of £800, allowed to drop by the Committee of the Urban Sanitary Authority, the Local Government Board having declined to sanction the scheme without considerable enlargemenet and additional expense.—July 8. East Wilts Election. Return of Mr. C. E. Hobhouse, the Liberal candidate: Hobhouse 3896, Long 3758. Appointment of four borough magistrates, viz., Messrs. G. H. Mead, H. K. Norris, G. S. A. Waylen, and the County Court Judge for the time being.—Nov 3. Appointment of additional magistrates, viz., Mr. T B Austie, Mr. H. Baker, Mr. C. Gillman, Mr. C. F. Hart and Mr. J. A. Randell.—Nov. 10. The subscribers of the British Schools decided to close the school shortly, the probable result said to be the formation of a School Board for the Town.

1893. Feb. 21. Decision of the Devizes Board of Guardians, to erect an iron hospital for small-pox etc., at a cost of over £300. March 23.—Opening of Eastbourne House as a Mothers' Nursing Home. April 17.—Issuing of an order by the Education Department, requiring 150 more places for scholars to be provided for St. James's parish, extra municipal. May 24.—Visit to the town of

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the Prince of Wales, to review the Wilts Yeomanry on Roundway Down, on the occasion of the centenary of the formation of the regiment. There was a great public reception, the town being beautifully decorated, and illuminated at night. His Royal Highness was entertained to luncheon at the Bear Hotel, and the Mayor (Mr. Ald. Mead) entertained a large and representative company atthe Town Hall including the Mayors of other Wiltshire Boroughs, Chairmen of UrbanCouncils, &c. May 19.--Order of the Education Department for 50 more places to be provided in the public Elementary Schools of Devizes. This was eventually complied with, and the formation of a School Board was therefore unnecessary. June 17.—Death of Mr. James Sainsbury, a well-known resident of Devizes. June 20.—Serious outbreak of diphtheria at Potterne, some twenty children falling victims to it. Sept. 6.—Appointment of Mr. J. J. Dring as Clerk to the Magistrates, in succession to Mr. J. J. Jackson.

1894.—Jan. 22.—Death in London of Mr. James Waylen, author of the history of Devizes, history of Marlborough, &c. March 20.—Presentation to the Town Council of an oil painting by the late Mr. James Waylen, of Devizes Castle, in "Ye Olden Tyme." June 7 and 8.—Annual show of the Wiltshire Agricultural Association at Devizes. June 12.—Sudden death of Mr. Ald. F. Sloper. Sept. 19.—Re-opening of Salem Chapel by the congregation hitherto meeting in High-street Rooms. Sept. 24.—First Nonconformist burial in a Devizes Churchyard under the Burials Act, Mrs. Eleanor Dangerfield being interred at St. James's Church, the Congregational minister officiating. Oct. 20.—Celebration of "Hospital Sunday" in Devizes. Nov. 12 and 14.—Heavy rainstorms and serious floods throughout Wiltshire. Railway line blocked on both sides of Devizes Station, owing to land slips. During December of this year the "Local Government Act, 1894," came into force. There was no election for the Roundway Parish Council. Dec. 24.—Last nominal meeting of the Devizes Highway Board their duties henceforth being carried on by the "Rural District Council."

1895.—Jan. 8.—First meeting of the Devizes Rural District Council. Jan. 17.—Local Government Board enquiry, respecting an application to create "The Breach" a special district of the parish of Roundway, and to borrow a sum of £1,480 for drainage works therein. Feb. 15.—Ice Carnival on the Crammar, £160 being raised by this and other means, for the relief of the poor. The winter was an exceptionally severe one. March 13.—Death of Mr. Joseph Robbins, a much-respected inhabitant of the town. March 24.—Rev. H. Oatley resigned the pastorate of the New Baptist Chapel, Devizes. April 5.—The British School Buildings in Northgate-street handed over to the Technical Education Committee on a lease of 99 years at a nominal rent, on certain conditions which have since been modified. April 12 —Mr. John Ferris, oldest inhabitant of Devizes,

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died at the age of 92. April 14.—Brutal murder at Woodbridge, Potterne, on Easter Sunday, of Mr. Mark Butler, farmer. The crime still remains undiscovered and unpunished [1907]. May 1.—Death of Mr. William Sanders, M.P., well known in Devizes. May 7.—Opening of the new Dauntsey School at West Lavington, speeches by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., and Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P. May 10.—First meeting of the Devizes and Roundway Joint Burial's Committee, superseding the former Devizes Burial Board July 26 —East Wilts Election, Goulding (Tory), 4,114, Hobhouse, (Liberal), 3,637. Aug. 6.—The County Council resolved to apply to the Local Government Board for leave to borrow £15,000 for the purpose of works at the Wilts County Asylum. Sept. 1.—The Rev. J. Day commenced his ministry as pastor of the New Baptist Chapel. Sept. 14.—Presentation of silver candelabra to Mr. H. Kent Norris, by benefit members of the friendly societies, for his valuable services while honorary secretary of the Cottage Hospital. Oct. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Rutter, who had held the office of Sexton and Sextoness at St. Mary's Church for upwards of 41 years, celebrated their golden wedding. Nov. 3.—Extensive enlargement of the accommodation for goods traffic at the G.W.R. Station. The directors declined to double the line between Devizes and Holt Nov. 9.—Re-election of Mr. G. H. Mead as Mayor of Devizes (fifth term of office). At the Mayoral banquet in the evening, a silver tea and coffee service, purchased by subscription, was presented to the Mayor and Mayoress, in consideration of the services they had rendered to the town. Retirement of Mr. Ald. W. Brown, after 35 years of public service to the Borough. Nov. 18.—Death of Mr. Alfred Waller, a well-known "Whip." He was one of the last of the old stage-coach drivers, and more recently drove the coaches of Mr. Fuller and Capt. Spicer between Devizes and Bath. Dec. 12.—Conversion of the firm of Brown and May, North Wilts Foundry, into a Limited Liability Company, with a capital of £50,000. Dec. 5.—Presentation to Major Randell of a purse of gold and illuminated address, as a town's testimonial on the occasion of the celebration of his golden wedding.

1896.—Jan. 2.—Death of Mr. William Sims, a local poet of considerable merit. March 3.—Death of Mr. William Long, a well-known sportsman, and corn-trader. March 20.—Death of Mr. George Richmond, R.A., owner of the Porch House at Potterne. May 11.—Death of Mr. E. B. Anstie, J.P., at the age of 80 years. June 18.—Retirement of Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Carless, after 25 years service with the Volunteers. July 22.—The Rev. C. Hemington on his completing 25 years ministry at the Old Baptist Chapel, was presented with a writing table, Mrs. and Miss Hemington also receiving presentations. July 30.—Ambulance, etc., provided for the town by public subscription. Sept. 30.—Marriage of Sir John Dickson-Poynder to Miss Ann Beauclerk Dundas. Oct. 28.—Death of Mr. A. C. Talbot, a member of the Town Council. Nov. 17.—Death of Mr.

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Frederic Robbins (formerly a member of the firm of Humby and Robbins, Southbroom Brewery, at the age of 93. Nov. 30.—Presentations to Mr. Supt. Baldwin and Mr. Supt. Beauchamp, upon their retirement from the offices of Deputy Chief Constable and Chief Clerk, respectively. At the end of the month an avenue of trees was planted on the Station-road by the Railway Company; the trees being provided by Mr. F. Reynolds, of the Bear Hotel. Dec. 2 and 3.—First Christmas Stock Show at Devizes. Dec. 5.—Appointment of Col Boughey to the command of the 62nd Regimental District at Devizes, in succession to Col. Collingwood. Dec. 15.—Retirement of Mr. John Wilshin, manager of the Capital and Counties Bank. Mr. Ernest F. Toone was appointed in his stead.

1897.—Jan. 3.—Death of Mr. T. B. Anstie, J.P., for over 50 years a medical practitioner in Devizes. Jan. 11.—The shareholders of the North Wilts Dairy Co. decide to acquire various other dairies in the neighbourhood, amalgamating them all under one management. Jan. 29.—Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the "Devizes and Wiltshire Advertiser." A dinner, attended by a large and representative company, held at the Bear Hotel, presided over by Mr. Gillman, the proprietor. April 22.—Resignation of Mr. Kemp, Governor of Devizes Prison. Death of the Rev. P. A. L. Wood, formerly rector of Devizes, aged 80 years. May 11.—Mr. Watson-Taylor arranges to make a new road, shortening the distance between Devizes and Westbury. June 17.—Death of Capt. Hunt-Grubbe of Eastwell, Potterne. During the month, in Devizes as elsewhere, there were great public rejoicings, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. In Devizes the celebration took the form of enlargement and improvement of the Cottage Hospital, supplemented by a public tea, dinner, fete, and fireworks. Hon. Secs., Messrs. R D Gillman and D Owen. Oct. 25.—Inquiry at Salisbury by the Light Railway Commissioners, as to the proposed Light Railway from Pewsey to Salisbury, contemplated by the G.W.R. Opposition was offered by the War Office and by the Borough of Devizes. The Commissioners subsequently reported favourably on the scheme, but it was eventually decided not to construct the line. Oct. 30.—Presentation to the Rev. C. E. B. Barnwell, for 14 years vicar of Southbroom, upon his leaving Devizes. Nov. 22.—Presentation to the Rev F. E. and Mrs. Skyrme, on their leaving Devizes.

1898. Jan. 26.—Presentation of a purse of gold to the Rev. W. Darwent on his retiring from the pastorate of the Congregational Church, Devizes. Jan. 31.—Death of Mr. Joseph Jackson, for 25 years clerk to the County and Borough Magistrates. Feb. 1.—Death of Mr Joseph Willis, an old inhabitant of Devizes, in his 84th year. March 2.—North Wilts Dairy Co., Ltd. dissolved, and the business merged with that of the Wilts United Dairies Co., Ltd. April 27.—Presentation to Mr. Edwin Giddings, on the occasion of his marriage, of a silver salver, in recogni-

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tion of his services as warden, of St John's Church. May 6.—Funeral of Judge C. F. D. Caillard, County Court Judge for the Devizes district since 1858. July 1.—Opening of a new mission-room in Commercial road, Devizes. August 1.—Laying of the memorial stone of the new Wesleyan Chapel. September 1.—Sudden death of Mr Sam Smith, of Potterne, who fell off his bicycle near the "Olive Branch," Inn, and expired almost immediately. Sept. 8.—Death of Mr. J A Randell, J.P., who for many years took an active part in the public business of the town. He was a prominent Freemason, and was one of the pioneers of the volunteer movement, holding the rank of Hon. Major. Oct. 2.—Celebration of the Jubilee of Coate Chapel, founded by the late Mr E B Anstie, of Devizes. Nov. 15.—At a meeting of the Wilts County Council, it was decided by 31 votes to 29 to appoint a County Medical Officer. The Devizes Board of Guardians and numerous other public bodies protested against the appointment, but the resolution was confirmed. Nov. 28—Death of Ald. C. Gillman, J.P., Mayor 1889 and 1890. For many years Borough Chamberlain. First Chairman of Rounday Parish Council. Dec 7.—Death of the Rev. A C Smith, of Old Park, one of the Hon. Secs. of the Wiltshire Archæological Association.

1899.—Jan. 8.—Death of Mr. S. S. Pugh, principal of the Devizes Grammar School, and formerly minister of the New Baptist Chapel. Jan. 25.—Death of Dr. E. N. Carless; Mr. G. S. A. Waylen was subsequently elected Medical Officer of Health. March 5.—Rev. T. O. Prosser commences his ministry as pastor of the Congregational Church, Northgate Street, Devizes. March 23.—Appointment of new Borough Magistrates, namely, Messrs. E. L. Anstie, R. D. Gillman, W. E. Keeling, F. Reynolds, J. Rose, and G. Simpson, jun. April 12.—Death of Mr. F. M. Lush, for many years practising as solicitor at Devizes, and for 33 years clerk to the Board of Guardians. April 21—A new business concern in Devizes is registered as "The Central Wilts Bacon Co., Ltd.," with a capital of £50,000. April 24.—Sale of the Estcourt Devizes Estate, which realized £26,000, exclusive of timber. Devizes Green and Crammar Pond were withdrawn from the sale, having been acquired by private treaty by the Devizes Corporation. April 25.—Appointment of Mr. O. Sheppard as Superintendent Registrar, and Clerk to the Board of Guardians April 29.—Devizes Town Football Club prove champions of the League. There was a scene of much excitement on the occasion of the cup being handed to the winners in the Market Place. May 27.—At the annual meeting of the East Wilts Liberal Association, Mr. T. A. Meates, of London, was invited to contest the constituency. June 16.—The Devizes Urban District Council decided to adopt the Housing of the Working Classes Act, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to prepare plans for ten cottages in Gain's Lane. June 21.—Announcement in Parliament that it was in contemplation to spend the sum of £1,600,000 in the construction of barracks and other works on the new War Office area

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on Salisbury Plain. August 20.—There was considerable newspaper correspondence about this time respecting the sale of the Netheravon estate to the War Office by Sir M. H. Beach. The price (£93,411) being regarded as excessive. August 25.—The Mayor of Devizes (Mr. R. D. Gillman) having privately raised a fund for the planting of trees in some of the principal streets, the General Purposes Committee of the Town Council formally sanctioned the same. Sept. 21.—Presentation of the Rev. E. J. Bodington, formerly vicar of Osmington, to the living of Potterne, in succession to the Rev. Canon Inman, resigned. Nov. 6.—Formation of a local centre of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association. Nov. 29.—Opening of the new Wesleyan Chapel in Long Street, erected at a cost of about £3,800. Dec. 10.—Arrival of the colours of the 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment, to be deposited in the Barracks during the absence of the Regiment in South Africa. Dec. 11.—The Reservists of Sections A, B, and C, assemble at Devizes to join the 2nd Batt. under orders for active service in South Africa. Dec. 16.—The 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment embarked at Southampton for South Africa. Dec. 23.—Death of the Rev. J. H. Burges, D.D., for 25 years rector of Devizes Dec. 25.—Death of Lord Ludlow, better known as Mr. Justice Lopes.

1900. - Jan. 10.—Local Government Board enquiry at Devizes, to take into consideration the application of the Town Council to borrow £700 for the purchase of Devizes Green (the remaining £500 to be paid out of current funds. January 17.—The Volunteer Service Company, composed of 3 officers and 116 men, of the Wiltshire Volunteers, assembled at Devizes. Feb.—During the early part of the year, public attention was almost entirely occupied by the war in South Africa, and the local military preparations. The Volunteer Service Co. at Devizes and the Imperial Yeomanry at Trowbridge, were both undergoing a special course of instruction. A Colt-automatic machine gun was presented to the Wiltshire Contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry, and the contributions to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association totalled a handsome amount. Feb. 13.—Farewell service to the Wilts Volunteer Service Co. at St. John's Church. In the evening the men were entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall. Great snowstorm which blocked the line between Savernake and Devizes. Passenger train in a snow-drift near Collingbourne. Feb. 16.—Departure of the Volunteer Service Co. for Southampton. The departure took place amid a scene of immense enthusiasm. Feb. 20.—News arrives of a disaster to the Wilts Regiment, at Reusburg. March 1.—News of the relief of Ladysmith received with great public enthusiasm. March 15.—Presentation of a purse containing £50, as a parting gift to the Rev. J. G. Locke, for many years curate of Devizes. April 4.—The Rev. J. G. Watson, M.A., takes up his residence as rector of Devizes. April 28.—Death of Mr. George Simpson, J.P., for 35 years a member of the Town Council, and twice Mayor; from 1871-1886 proprietor and editor of the

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"Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette." May 4.—At a meeting of the Town Council it was decided to adopt the septic system of sewage disposal, also to provide 45 plots of building land on long leases on the Victoria Road site. May 13.—Death at Bloemfontein, from enteric fever, of Capt. H. P. Rogers, 2nd Batt. Wiltshire Regiment. May 23 and 24.—Annual Show of the Wilts Agricultural Association at Devizes. June 22.—Lieut. A. J. Meek, 6th Dragoon Guards, eldest son of Mr. A. Grant-Meek, Devizes, died from wounds received in action near Pretoria. August 3.—Re-opening of Erchfont Church, after undergoing a much-needed restoration at a cost of about £700. Sept. 12.—Opening of a new Wesleyan Chapel, at Littleton, the gift of Messrs. H. and T. Holloway. Sept. 21.—Mr. Councillor Butcher presented to the Corporation a silver mace for use as a "Mayoresses Mace." Oct. 16.—Wilts Quarter Sessions, at Marlborough, Lord Fitzmaurice elected as Chairman in the place of the late Lord Ludlow, and Sir Godfrey Lushington, G.C.M.G., vice-chairman. Oct. 25.—A War Office order gave to the R.W. Yeomary the honour of representing the Yeomanry of England at the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth. Lieut.-Col.-Long, Quarter-Master-Sergt. Sudweeks, Corpl. J. Butler, and Trooper G. Coward were chosen to represent the Devizes Troop. Nov.20—Death of Mrs. Colston, Sen. Dec. 11, Death of Mr. John Rose, J.P., a member of the Devizes Town Council. Dec. 18.—Public enquiry into the Municipal and other Charities of the town. The principal result of the inquiry was to elicit the fact that most of the charities administered by the Rector and Churchwardens were not Church Charities at all, but are equally open to Nonconformists, as are also the almshouses. Dec. 25.—Presentation of a cheque and illuminated address to the Rev. W. H. Weekes, upon his resigning the curacy of St. Peter's Church, to take up the chaplaincy of H.M. Prison.

DEVIZES IN 1791.

We are indebted to Mr. W. A. Bones, of the Old Book Shop, Devizes, for an interesting extract from the Universal British Directory, 1791, which gives one of the earliest descriptions of our town that we have seen. The article says:—

"Devizes is a populous town in Wiltshire, distant eighty-seven miles and a half from London, seven from Calne, ten from Chippenham, seven from Melksham, six from Market-Lavington, and twenty-two from Salisbury. Devizes, which probably derives its name from the Latin word *divisa*, signifying division, and supposed to have been conferred upon this town from its being anciently divided

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between the king and the bishop of Salisbury, is a town of great antiquity, supposed, by Dr. Stukley, to have been the Punctuobice of Ravennus. The Romans inclosed it with a vallum and ditch; in the last of which the inhabitants have made a road almost round the town; but in several places both the ditch and the vallum are still visable; and took in the castle, which was originally a Roman work, erected in a fine situation, on a small hill or mount near the Bear Inn, where many remains of the above castle are still to be seen. It was one of the strongest castles in England; and the grant of it was esteemed by many of the first nobility as peculiarly honourable. It was well fortified by nature, and in after times was made almost impregnable by Roger, bishop of Salisbury, though it is now nearly destroyed.

Many Roman coins of different emperors have been found in the neighbourhood of the Devizes, together with pots and other earthern vessels, supposed to be Roman. Just without the town, in a pleasant plain called the Green, a large urn full of Roman coins was discovered in the year 1714; and near the same place were found buried, under the ruins of an ancient building inclosed with Roman brick, several brass statues of heathen deities, supposed to have been deposited there about the year 234, when the Roman troops were called out of Britain. These were carried about the kingdom as a show, and consisted of a Jupiter Ammon, about four inches long, weighing somewhere about four ounces; Neptune with his trident, the prongs of which were much shorter than they are usually represented; this figure was about four inches in length, and weighed four ounces; a Bacchus, much of the same weight and dimensions; a Vulcan, somewhat less than any of the above figures; a Venus, about six inches in length, with the left arm broken off, but much the best finished in the collection; a Pallas, with her helmet, shield, and spear between three and four inches in length; a Hercules, about four inches long, weighing six ounces and a half. Besides these, there were a Mercury, the wolf with Romulus and Remus, a vestal virgin, some European deities, and a coin of the Emperor Alexander Severus.

Devizes is a corporate borough, by charter of king Charles I. The corporation consists of a mayor, recorder, ten magistrates, and twenty-four common-councilmen, who have the liberty of making what number of burgesses they please, all of whom have the right of voting at elections for members of parliament. The influence which prevails here, is that of James Sutton, Esq., of New Park, in this county, brother-in-law to the speaker in the house of commons, who was once a member for this borough. This town, which is of a very considerable magnitude, labours under the same disadvantage as a number of other places in the kingdom, respecting the right of voting being limited to the body corporate, and not extending to the people at large. Devizes, which sent to all the parliaments of king Edward I. made only four returns, viz., 1, 8, 9, and 19, Edward II. till 4 Edward III. Number of voters 30. Returning officer, the mayor.

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Here was once a noble castle, supposed one of the strongest in England; and the grant of it was accepted by some of the first nobility as an honour. On a small hill or mount, near the Bear Inn, are now to be seen many remains of the above castle.

Here are two churches and a chapel, also a meeting house for dissenters. There is also a very good charity school.

The inhabitants value themselves on being tenants to the king, and for one of the best markets in England. The markets are Mondays and Thursdays; that on Mondays is for butcher's meat only; but that on Thursdays is uncommonly well supplied with butcher's meat, poultry, corn, wool, horses, and all sorts of cattle. In the market-place is a monumental stone on which is recorded a most awful instance of Divine vengeance, almost immediately inflicted on an unhappy wretch who had repeatedly called God to witness the truth of what she then advanced, although it was a falsehood. The fairs are as follow: Feb. 14. for horses; April 20, on Devizes-green, for all kinds of cattle; this is a very large fair; Holy-Thursday, a considerable fair for cattle; June 13, July 5, a very considerable one, for cattle; Oct. 2, a small fair for cattle and pleasure; and Oct. 20, on Devizes-green, a very extensive fair for cattle, hops, cloth, &c.

The buildings are old, and for most part of timber; yet, the model of them being good, they look tolerable. A rivulet runs near the castle, and runs into the Avon near Bromham; but, from the elevated situation of the town, water is, in general, rather a scarce commodity. On the London-road, five miles from Devizes, the traveller crosses a place called Wansdyke, which is thought to have been formerly a Saxon boundary, and formed as such, partly by nature and partly by art, to divide the territories of the Saxon kings. By some it is thought to have been a Roman causeway.

The principal manufacturers of Devizes and its vicinity, are serge, cassimeres, and broad cloths. The latter two branches afford employment to near one thousand persons.

The post passes through from London to Bristol at nine o'clock, and takes letters from Devizes, Westward; returns every night from Bristol through Devizes, Devizes to London, and takes letters from the post-office to the metropolis, &c., every day, except Saturday.

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DEVIZES MAYORS

The following is the most complete list of Mayors obtainable. Previous to 1302 the Constables of the Castle represented the Sovereign. The appointments date from Michaelmas in each year till the Municipal Reform Act: then from 9th November.

1302	John Cray	1594	Will. Erwood.	1619	Rob. Flower.
1305	Will. Codiho.	1595	John Batt.	1620	Rich. Flower.
1328	John Cosham.	1596	Will. Barrett.	1621	John Thurman.
1346	Ralph Roed.	1597	John Lewen.	1622	Ed. Northey, sen.
1381	Will. Spycer.	1598	Brian Bennett.	1623	John Allen.
1387	Will. Coventry.	1599	Walter Stephens.	1624	Edw. Hope.
1398	John Coventry.	1600	Will. Erwood.	1625	Edw. Lewes.
1410	Simon Skinner.	1601	Rich. Maundrell.	1626	Thos. Kent.
1414	Jno. Coventry, sen.	1602	John Kent.	1627	Thos. Lewes.
1415	John Coventry	1603	John Pierce.	1628	Christopher Clark.
1419	Robert Smyth.	1604	Rich. Flower.	1629	Christr. Flower.
1436	John Coventry.	1605	Walter Stephens.	1630	Edw. Northey.
1445	John Spycer.	1606	Brian Bennett.	1631	Edw. Lewes.
1458	Henry Pole, sen.	1606	Rich. Maundrell.	1632	Tho. Kent.
1468	John Reynolds.	1607	Thos. Whitacre.	1633	John Pierce.
1473	Nich. Mere.	1608	Will. Erwood.	1634	Philip Strong.
1513	Will. Spycer.	1609	Nich. Barrett.	1635	Ed. Northey, jun.
1516	Will. Russell.	1610	John Nicholas.	1636	Matthew Allen.
1565	Edward Haynes.	1611	Rich. Flower.	1637	Will. Thurman.
1566	John Burd.	1612	Edw. Northey.	1638	Will. Shearer.
1575	Rich. Maundrell.	1613	John Allen.	1639	Thomas Kent.
1584	John Willis.	1614	Edw. Lewes.	1640	John Hope.
1590	John Lewin.	1615	Will. Erwood.	1641	Edw. Lewes.
1591	Walter Stephens.	1616	John Stephens.	1642	Rich, Pierce.
1512	Rob. Corderoy.	1617	Nich. Barrett.	1643	Mich. Tidcombe.
1593	Thos. Bayly.	1618	Thos. Whitacre.	1644	Matthew Allen.

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1645 John Tilton (?)
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1648 John Stephens.
1649 John Tilton.
1650 John Eyles.
1651 John Sloper.
1652 Rich. Webb.
1653 John Tayler.
1654 Edw. Hope.
1655 John Stephens.
1656 John Tilton.
1657 Edw. Pierce.
1658 John Sloper.
1659 Rich. Webb.
1660 John Tayler.
1661 Edw. Hope.
1662 Rich. Drew.
1663 Rich. Drew. jun.
1664 Rich. Wilbee.
1665 Edw. Pierce.
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1668 John Sloper.
1669 John Hollis.
1670 Rich. Watton.
1671 Rob. Sloper.
1672 Rob. Sloper.
1673 John Hollis.
1674 Rich. Hillier.
1675 John Hollis.
1676 Matthew Figgins.
1677 Rich. Watton.
1678 Charles Danvers.
1679 Richard Watton
1680 Richard Watton. ?
1681 Will. Paradice.
1682 Will. Paradice. ?
1683 Rich. Stephens.
1684 William Watts.
1685 Philip Powell.
1686 Philip Butcher.
1687 John Childsen.
1688 Fran. Paradice.
1689 Rich. Hillier, sen.
1690 Matth. Figgins.
1691 Matth. Allen.
1692 Will. Paradice.
1693 Grave Morris.
1694 John Child.
1695 John Child.
1696 Benj. Street.
1697 James Sutton.
1698 Rich. Hillier.
1699 Rich. Watton.
1700 John Rogers.
1701 Matth. Figgins.
1702 John Child.
1703 Will. Paradice, died in office. Rich. Watton.
1704 Benj. Street.
1705 James Sutton.
1706 Rich. Hope.
1707 John Eyles.
1708 James Sutton, but on petition of Burgesses, Benj. Street by writ of mandamus, 25 May.
1709 Benj. Street.
1710 James Sutton.
1711 Benj. Street.
1712 James Sutton.
1713 Edw. Watton.
1714 Charles Flower.
1715 James Sutton.
1716 Rich. Hope.
1717 Edw. Watton.
1718 James Sutton.
1719 Henry Flower.
1720 Edw. Watton.
1721 Rich. Hope.
1722 Henry Flower.
1723 Sam. Powell
1724 Steph. Street.
1725 Edw. Davis.
1726 Henry Axford.
1727 Edw. Watton, died, succeeded by Henry Flower.
1728 Peter Clark.
1729 Joseph Street.
1730 James Sutton.
1731 Will. Adlam.
1732 Jer. Williams.
1733 Joseph Needham.
1734 Henry Flower.
1735 Edw. Davis.
1736 Steph. Street.
1737 Peter Clark.
1738 Henry Flower.
1739 Joseph Wells.
1740 Steph. Street.
1741 Will Adlam.
1742 Rich. Smith.

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1743 Rob. Sloper.
1744 Prince Sutton.
1745 Thos. Sutton.
1746 Rob. Lawrence.
1747 Peter Clark.
1748 Joseph Wells.
1749 George Willey.
1750 John Massey.
1751 Ralph Good.
1752 Thos. Adlam.
1753 Will. Salmon.
1754 Rich. Smith.
1755 Stephen Powell.
1756 Rob. Lawrence.
1757 John Flower.
1758 George Willey.
1759 John Massey.
1760 Ralph Good, died, John Massey, 13 June.
1761 Thos. Adlam, died 15 Feb. Will. Salmon.
1762 Stephen Powell.
1763 John Flower.
1764 Rob. Lawrence.
1765 Will. Salmon.
1766 Henry Williams.
1767 John Flower.
1768 Stephen Powell.
1769 James Sutton.
1770 George Gibbs.
1771 Sam. Adlam.
1772 Will. Leach.
1773 Sam. Tayler.
1774 Will. Waylen.
1775 Edw. Adlam, died 17 Oct. John Flower.
1776 Will. Read.
1777 Rich. Read.
1778 Tho. Whitfield.
1779 Geo. Gibbs.
1780 Steph. Hillman.
1781 Geo. Sloper.
1782 Matthew Figgins.
1783 Sam. Adlam.
1784 Sam. Tayler.
1785 Rich. Read.
1786 Thos. Whitfield.
1787 John Flower, died 28 Feb. George Gibbs.
1788 Francis Bayly.
1789 Stephen Powell.
1791 Geo. Sloper.
1790 Stephen Hillman,
1792 Matthew Figgins.
1793 James Sutton.
1794 James Gent.
1795 Sam. Adlam.
1796 Rob. Bruges.
1797 Sam Tayler.
1798 Stephen Powell.
1799 Stephen Hillman.
1800 Geo. Sloper.
1801 James Sutton.
1802 James Gent.
1803 Sam. Tayler.
1804 Sam. Adlam.
1805 Rob. Bruges
1806 Stephen Hillman.
1107 James Gent.
1808 Sam. Tayler.
1809 Will. Hughes.
1810 Stephen Neate.
1811 John Tylee.
1812 Henry Butcher.
1813 John Singleton Clark.
1814 James Gent.
1815 Tho. Tylee.
1816 Steph. Neate.
1817 John Tylee.
1818 Hen. Bayntun.
1819 Will. Everett.
1820 Will. Hughes.
1821 Hen. Butcher.
1822 Tho. Biggs.
1823 John Singleton Clark.
1824 Tho. Tylee.
1825 John Tylee.
1826 Hen. Bayntun.
1827 Will. Everett.
1828 Will. Hughes.
1829 Hen. Butcher.
1830 John Bayly.
1831 John North.
1832 Tho. Biggs.
1833 Charles Coward.
1834 John Singleton Clark. (Nominated hereafter on 9th November.)
1835 Hen. Saunders.
1836 Benj. Austie.
1837 Thomas James Heard.
1838 Sam. Whitchurch
1839 Rich. Biggs.
1840 Geo. Elgar Sloper
1841 Joseph Crockett.
1842 Will. Chandler.
1843 Hen. Butcher, jun.
1844 Hen. Butcher, jun.
1845 Joseph Burt.

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1846 John Raikes Bayly
1847 Jas. Roger Bramble.
1848 Joseph Crockett.
1849 George Waylen.
1850 Henry Mackrell.
1851 Hen. Butcher, jun.
1852 Joseph Burt.
1853 Jas. Smallbones.
1854 James Biggs.
1855 John Edward Hayward.
1857 Henry Butcher, jun.
1858 Will. Gifford Everett.
1859 Jos. Burt.
1860 G. Simpson.
1861 E. Giddings.
1862 R. Maysmor.
1863 W. Brown.
1864 W. Tyrrell.
1865 G. Waylen.
1866 G. Gundry.
1867 Ed. Giddings.
1868 C. N. May.
1869 E. Clapham.
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1871 S. Wittey.
1872 H. J. Sainsbury.
1873 S. Reynolds.
1874 T. Chandler.
1875 G. Simpson.
1876 Jno. Marsh.
1877 Jas. Biggs.
1878 T. Chandler.
1879 T. Chandler.
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1883 F. Sloper.
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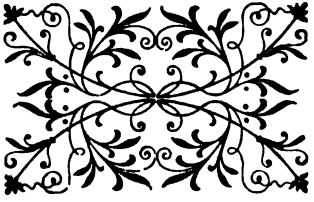

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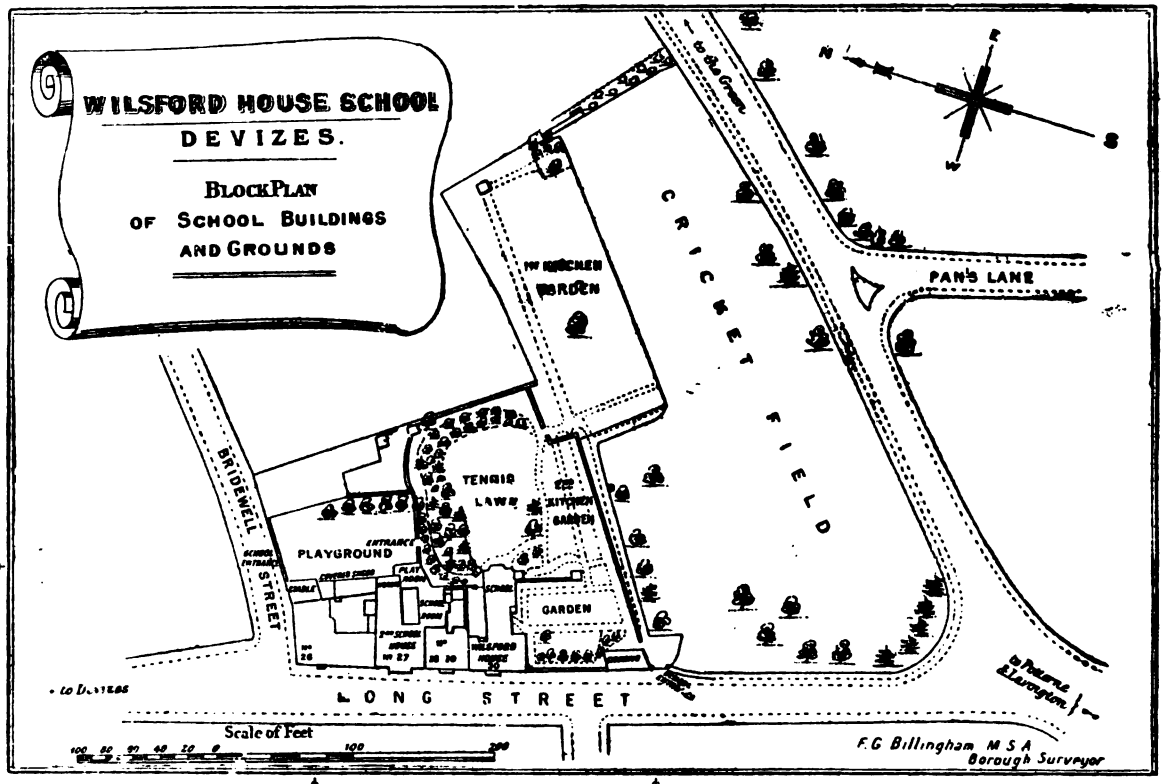

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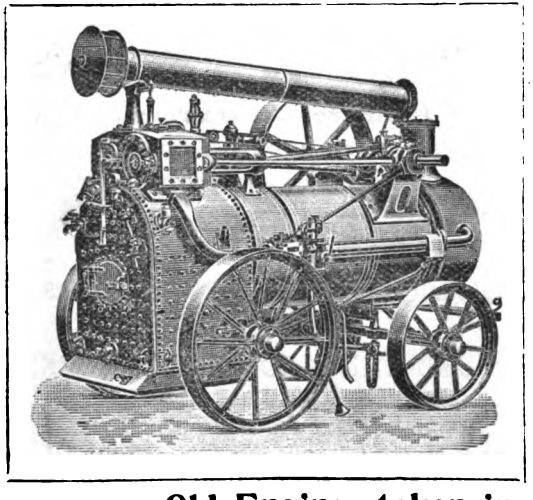

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